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## CARD

The FAMILY of the late Mrs. Take Mary Halberg wish to thank all friends for the kind expressions of sympathy and for floral tributes sent during their recent bereavement.

The Committee of the Associated Foreign Charities of Shanghai of Church House, Kiangse Road, is always willing to receive *In Memoriam* donations and make allocations to the Charities in most need. 11714

*NOTICE*

## RECREATION GROUND

(RACE COURSE ENCLOSURE)

## GOLF PAVILION

*Damage to and/or theft of Golf Clubs, etc.*

Locker renters are notified that golf gear was, on the night of March 31, damaged and/or stolen from the above premises.

To assist the Municipal Police, locker renters are requested to visit the pavilion at their earliest convenience, for purposes of investigation and identification of golf gear.

By Order,
Recreation Ground Committee of Management.
L. J. HUGHES, *Secretary.*
Shanghai, April 1, 1940. 11760

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-Seventh Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai on Tuesday April 2, 1940 at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1939, declaring a dividend, electing a Director and Auditors and transacting any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from March 27 to April 2, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Shanghai, March 20, 1940. 11484

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that due to heavy weather, damage to the vessel and to stranding on the way from New Orleans via Panama Canal to the Far East certain cargo received damage.

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## *Change of Address*

The British Egg Packing & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., Town Office, will remove on April 4, 1940, to 9 Quai de France, Suite 50. Telephone: 88580. -5456

## *To-day's Events*

APRIL

2 A.W.C. Fashions Maxine Maxine, 4.30
2 Cathedral School Old Boys' Association, Annual Dinner, Rowing Club, 8.30
2 *British lease Weihaiwei (1898)*
2 *NCDN broadcast 12.45 and 9 p.m. XMHD 760kc. 395m.*

## *Coming Events*

APRIL

3 B.U.S.C. visit to Telephone Co. Fukien Road, 5.30
4 For. Y. Debate—"Religion Is The Opium Of The People."
4 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
4 S.W.A. Meeting, C.S.F., 4
4 Ballet Russe: 'Pavilion d'Armide,' by Tcherepnin and 'Scheherazade', by Rimsky-Korsakow, Lyceum, 9
5 R.A.F.A. Annual General Meeting, 'The Dome,' Closed Tiffin, 12.15
5 Recital by Mary Stewart, Lyc. 9.15
6 Ballet Russe: 'Pavilion d'Armide' and 'Scheherazade,' Lyceum, 9
7 Ballet Russe: 'Pavilion d'Armide' and 'Scheherazade,' Lyceum, 3.15 and 9
7 Municipal Orchestra Concert, Lyc., 5.15
8 SSPCA. ann. mtg., 51/17 Bund, 5.15
9 A.W.C. 'Appetizers,' Mrs. Morris, 4.30
10 Municipal Election
10 Signals Coy., S.V.C., Supper Dance
10 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
11 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
11 Royal Asiatic Society: Lecture
11 Municipal Election
11 Limbless Jumble Sale, U.C. Hall, 9.30
11 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
11 Concert Prof. Porgé, Princess Leuchtenberg, F. Adler, A.W.C. 9
12 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
13 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
13 Shai. Ladies' Hockey Assn. Dinner Dance, Masonic Hall, 9.30
16 L. Rosen's 30th Jubilee Gala, 'Fire Goddess,' Lt. Opera, Lyceum, 8.45
16 A.W.C. 'Sketching,' Mrs. Dunlap, 4.30
17 M. Paci and his 3 Pupils (Pianists) 4 Piano-Concertos with Orchestra, Lyceum, 9.15
18 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
18 Asiatic and Indian Dances by Slavina-Brown and Indira-Devi, Lyc., 9
19 Soc. Chart. Accountants ann. dinner, Shanghai Club.
20 Amer. School Orchestra, AVLA 8.30, 1st Concert. Maestro: Prof. Porgé
23 A.W.C. Music Dept. Programme 4.30
25 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg, S.I.B.C., 3
30 A.W.C. Bridge/Mahjongg, 3

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Member desirous of playing are requested to enter their names on the list which will be provided at the Seekingjao and Hungjao Club Houses or to communicate with the undersigned, giving particulars of their handicaps, before April 20.

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*AGENDA*

Balance Sheet 1939.
Directors' Report.
Auditor's Report.
Sundry matters.

The Company Registers of Transfers will be closed from May 1 to May 10, both days inclusive.

For the Board of Directors
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## WEATHER, TIME AND TIDE

| Meteorological Reports | Mar. 31 16.00 | Mar. 31 21.00 | Apr. 1 4.00 | Apr. 1 9.00 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Barometer inches | 29.98 | 30.02 | 30.01 | 30.04 |
| at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.) | +0.17 | +0.14 | +0.13 | +0.04 |
| at 32 F. ( " " 12 hrs.) | +0.10 | +0.03 | +0.03 | +0.02 |
| Wind (direction) | NNW | N | N | NE |
| " (miles per hour) | 10.6 | 7.4 | 6.2 | 7.4 |
| Temperature (Fahr.) | 50.°7 | 50.°9 | 50.°5 | 51.°6 |
| Humidity % | 98 | 98 | 97 | 92 |
| Nebulosity (0 to 10) | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Rainfall inches | — | — | — | 0.03 |

| Siccawei Abridged Report March 31 | Mean 1940 | 24 hrs. variation | 67 years average |
|---|---|---|---|
| Barometer (mean 4 obs.) | 29.97 | +0.13 | 30.08 |
| Temp. Min. 49.°3 Max. 53.°2 | 51.°3 | —1.°17 | 5.°13 |
| Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches) | 9.63 | 0.04 | 7.53 |

| Time and Tide | 2/4 | 3/4 | 4/4 | 5/4 | 6/4 | 7/4 | 8/4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sun rises at Shanghai | 5.43 | 5.42 | 5.40 | 5.38 | 5.36 | 5.35 | 5.34 |
| Sun sets at Shanghai | 18.14 | 18.15 | 18.15 | 18.16 | 18.16 | 18.17 | 18.18 |
| Moon rises at Shanghai | 2.16 | 2.53 | 3.38 | 4.02 | 4.34 | 5.07 | 5.41 |
| Moon sets at Shanghai | 13.30 | 14.23 | 15.15 | 16.07 | 16.59 | 17.51 | 18.44 |
| Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18 | 6.20 | 7.54 | 8.58 | 9.42 | 10.20 | 10.45 | 11.10 |
| Ebb, makes Shai. 6 to 18 | 11.55 | 13.08 | 14.15 | 15.02 | 15.36 | 16.06 | 16.10 |
| H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18 | 9.15 | 10.09 | 10.41 | 11.03 | 11.35 | 12.13 | 12.40 |
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| TUESDAY, April 2. | Reg. | Ord. |
|---|---|---|
| Japan Korea via Nagasaki | *20.00 | 7.15 |
| Ninghsien etc. | *20.00 | 8.00 |
| Hongkong and Canton | *20.00 | 8.00 |
| Tsingtao and Dairen | 8.30 | 9.00 |
| Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao | 18.30 | 19.00 |
| **WEDNESDAY, April 3.** | | |
| Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai | *20.00 | 8.00 |
| Amoy and Swatow | x 9.30 | 10.00 |
| Hongkong and Haiphong | 9.30 | 10.00 |
| Chefoo and Tientsin | 9.30 | 10.00 |
| Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai | x 11.30 | 12.00 |
| U.S.A. Canada and Europe via Pacific | B 17.00 | 19.00 |
| Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao | 18.30 | 19.00 |
| Wenchow | x 19.30 | 20.00 |
| **THURSDAY, April 4.** | | |
| Japan Korea via Nagasaki | *20.00 | 7.15 |
| Aust. N.Z. and Java Ports | cx 8.15 | 9.00 |
| Amoy Hongkong Canton | x 8.30 | 9.00 |
| Tinghai and Shenklamen via Tinghai | x 9.30 | 10.00 |
| Nantung | 14.30 | 15.00 |
| Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao | 18.30 | 19.00 |

* The night before.
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Pan American Airways Service per steamer on April 6, at 3 p.m. for registered and 4 p.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on April 16.
Air France per steamer on April 6, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary.
Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Batavia-Naples) per steamer to Hongkong.
Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per steamer to Hongkong. Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service: daily at 8 p.m. Mails for America may be sent today by air mail to Japan for connection with a steamer leaving Yokohama on April 4.

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## THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday Min. 49.0 Max. 56.0
Same date, 1939 Min. 52.0 Max. 59.5
Rainfall trace.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday Min. 49.3 Max. 58.8
Same date, 1939 Min. 52.7 Max. 61.2

State on the morning of the 31st:—Pressure low and unsteady over China: normal and rising over Japan. Depression passing east-north-eastward to the south of Kiusiu. North-westerly to north-easterly winds along the China Coast. Fine weather in the north: overcast wtih rain or mist in our regions.

State on the morning of the 1st:—Overcast and cold weather. North-easterly wind. Low and rising pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Cloudy and fine weather with south-easterly to south-westerly winds around Shantung. Misty to cloudy with variable winds over our regions and the Eastern Sea.—Siccawei Observatory.

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**Ocean Mails for Europe and America.**

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Traffic Abuses:
### Letter Gets Results

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I must say that the letter written last week by PEDESTRIAN in answer to mine, came as a bit of a surprise, and it was very amusing to say the least. Does he really mean that the things I referred to ought to be tolerated? Yes, I am a car-owner, and a very considerate driver, although I must admit there are times when I feel like running down "Jay Walkers" like PEDESTRIAN! His contention is that there are only wifts of cotton stolen off passing trucks, but I have often seen several sturdy fellows following behind slow-moving trucks and helping themselves to more than wifts, in fact enough cotton to keep a small-sized mill supplied. However, and apart from this, as I've said before, there is always the danger of an accident occurring through the men being run down by passing vehicles, because they never look to see if there is anything coming from the other direction in their mad dash across the road. It might interest PEDESTRIAN to know that I had a call from the S.M. Police regarding my letter, and it already looks like something has been done to put a stop temporarily to this nuisance.

Regarding the vegetable market opposite Poste Mallet, only this morning I noticed a small Chinese boy with a basket of spring onions who got caught between two buses, and he was within an ace of being killed. This market is an overflow from the French Concession and so far no serious effort has been made to correct the nuisance.

In conclusion I would also like to say a few words about the supply of convicts' food to the Ward Road Gaol. I read in the Gazette that potatoes cost 14 cents per pound. I very often go to the Seymour Road market (PEDESTRIAN please note!) and never paid more than 10 cents for the very best potatoes. As regards oranges, I have been buying Formosan ones, 6 or 7 for $1, and I don't know why these shouldn't be good enough for convicts too. Enough said!

O. C. H.

Shanghai, Apr. 1.

## Nature Notes:
### Along the Highways

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—A few of my wee friends have asked me to continue to give them hints on what to look for on their country rambles and thereby enable them to go ahead with their preparations for Naturalist badges.

As you are aware, these badges are held in high esteem by many youngsters and I propose, with your permission, to submit short notes as often as possible for inclusion in your correspondence column.

The notes will be written primarily for the younger generation.

To commence:—

We find that our old friends in the Willow family have given us our first touch of Spring as usual. They are generally the first in leaf and the last out, and who does not admire their graceful branches at all seasons? We saw a tree with contorted branches also bursting into leaf and we found that it was also a Willow. We were told it was *Salix babylonis* var: *Contorta*, our specimen is planted near the Well on Bubbling Well Road. The Poplars, also members of the family *Salicaceae*, are showing signs of life after their winter rest. The Catkins are still small but they will soon grow.

We saw a mass of yellow in a garden as we passed by and found that it was Forsythia. Temple of Heaven was growing close by as a contrast and pretty Daffodils were holding up their heads despite the rain.

Another tiny flower we identified as a buttercup and found that it was *Ranunculusternatus*. We had to see whether we all liked butter when we picked this wild flower.

We saw also a nice green patch on the lawn in one garden. We thought it must be the annual spear grass, but it was not. It was *Agrostis tenuis* and it must have been grown from imported seed. We saw plenty of *Poa annua* later, however, and wondered whether the local country folk have yet begun to look forward to the extra rice money they will soon be earning by removing it from our lawns.

W. J. K.

Shanghai, Apr. 1.

## Local Girls:
### A Late Entrant

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—To have entered this prosaic and puerile discussion on local girls, I have had but little cause. But after having glanced through the firy and pent-up disgust of Shanghai Lass I would be tremendously grateful if perchance you would allow me to say this . . .

I think (but what is my opinion against millions) that Shanghai Lass is to be congratulated on her verve, spirit, and her gallant though lame defence of the women. To be imbued with such fine, clean and beautiful thoughts is truly touching. Distilled, unadulterated sentiment. . . . I love it. Such extreme lack of knowledge of the ways of this cruel sordid world is so pathetically charming. As a matter of fact, even I am touched. But isn't it really too bad that Shanghai Lass is only one in a million? No. . . . Possibly "one in a million" is a trifle exaggerated (she probably has many nice friends just like her) but you will forgive me for being addicted to superlatives wont you?

THE DUKE.

Shanghai, Mar. 31.

***This correspondence is now closed.—ED.

## Those Oranges:
### Unemployed Reader Pained

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—SUNKIST's letter which appeared in today's "North-China Daily News" on the subject of expensive oranges for the convicts at Ward Road Gaol makes very painful reading for me. I realize the care the public has for wrongdoers and, to a very large extent, expensive oranges are supplied them—but oranges should not be included in their menu—nay, whatever their health or doctors' orders, they must suffer without them as the British unemployed have suffered.

I want to argue with British managers over the question of their particular attitude towards their fellow-countrymen in this city—they always don't seem, in my own case, to think it desirable to grant me immediate employment upon the direct application of a British Society because of a status—unmarried. I may add I have been obliged to accept a temporary pension, and, in my prime of life, this pension is still insufficient to meet the cost of even an orange necessary for my health or doctor's order.

It is not this condition which I am in or the orange in question which prompted me to write thus, and I would not do so in flowing English in order to overcome the difficulty through publicizing, but in order that some of the managers whom the British Society had applied to for a position in my behalf reconsider once again the question of my status, rather than let me think of those convicts in the big house enjoying themselves with juicy fluids of oranges in their gullet, leaving me to save what I can out of my pension to meet the cost of repairs to my shoes.

A BRITON.

Shanghai, Apr. 1.

## Reminiscences:
### Victoria and Camperdown

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Re paragraph on the collision between H.M.S. Victoria and Camperdown, in your issue of March 3. I may say that you still have some of the Old School of the British Royal Navy, of the Square Rigged Ships, in Shanghai. I know of five, and there may be others. I may state that I joined H.M.S. Triumph on December 3, 1892, in Queenstown, Ireland, one of the last (Old Iron Pots) then called bark rigged," and went to Malta to pick up the survivors of that disastrous collision. They were placed in cots in the Main Battery and all ports were closed to deaden the ripple of the water during the passage to Plymouth, where they were landed.

Our own ship's company left or paid off the Triumph on August 28, 1893 and joined H.M.S. Warspite on August 29, 1893, and returned to Queenstown, Ireland, I was paid off from H.M.S. Warspite on January 3, 1894. She was a sister ship to H.M.S. Triumph.

JOE.

Shanghai, Apr. 1.

## S.M.C. Surcharges:
### Reader's H.C.L. Allowance

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—ANTI-SURCHARGE in his letter published by you on April 1, mentions increases in "tobacco, oil and Shipping Companies." I count among my foreign friends several who have been in a Tobacco firm for very many years and they receive 50 per cent. H.C.L. which is not so extraordinary as to deserve special mention.

The rest of the letter is excellent.

LINTOP.

Shanghai, Apr. 1.

## Found
### A Wanted Quotation

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Re J. T.'s query in today's issue, the two lines quoted are from the poem "The Rainy Day" by H. W. Longfellow.

A GERMAN READER.

Shanghai, Apr. 1.

## Wanted:
### A Book by Irving

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Could you or any of your readers please inform me as to whether it is possible to obtain in Shanghai a book entitled "Mahomet and his Followers," written by Irving, and published in New York in 1918 by A. L. Burt & Co.

LOST.

Shanghai, Apr. 1.

## At the Cinema:
### Too Early Curtain Parting

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Many people, I am sure, have noticed the rather unpleasant habit of cinemas' staffs of pulling the curtains apart near the end of the performance.

Feeling the misplaced solidity of the chair-springs during a flop, it might be a relief to know that the drudgery is ending, but when absorbed in a good picture, it is annoying to have the last minutes spoiled. During a real good show, you forget that you are in a theatre and, it is somewhat dismaying to have the thread of enchantment jarringly broken by the scrapping of the curtain rings.

Would the managements of theatres kindly take notice and instruct their staffs to delay pulling at the curtains till the absolute end of the picture.

M.T.

Shanghai, Mar. 30.

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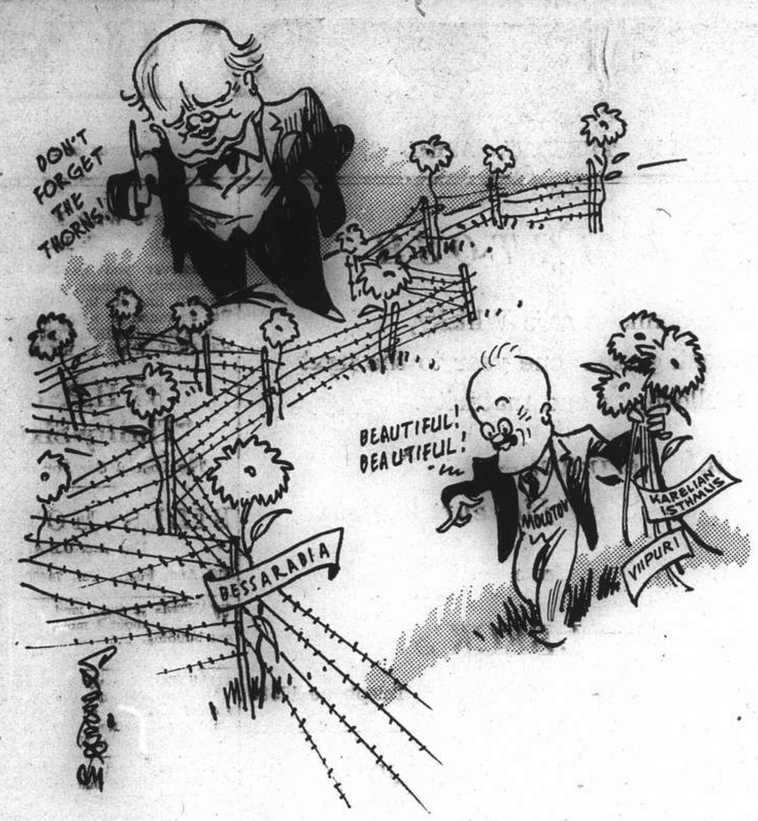
## Britain Never Asked to Pass Dardanelles

London, Apr. 1.

The British Government has neither asked nor received Turkish permission for British warships to pass through the Dardanelles, an official announcement said here last night.—United Press.




BY SAPAJOU

## Two Speeches

# Britain's Destroyer Patrol
### Small Ships Maintain Ceaseless Watch Over The Seas; A Busy Naval Unit

BY TAFFRAIL (*Famous British naval writer*)

WE slipped from our buoy and steamed out to sea for our night's patrol in the grey bleakness of the winter afternoon. Other destroyers went with us. We had some distance to go before reaching our appointed beat. The wind blew shrewdly from the north-east, to raise a confused jabble of leaping white horses outside the harbour entrance. One felt the ship kick a little as she met the first of them. For the next eighteen hours, until we returned to harbour, she was never still.

Steaming twenty knots, we passed a convoy of bluff-bowed merchant ships making up for their anchorage before dark. On one of the shoals to starboard lay two broken-backed wrecks with the sea breaking over them, victims of U-boat mines or torpedoes. Merchantmen lay at anchor in the roads nearby. Beyond them the land showed as a faint grey blur against the darkening horizon. The visibility was low, the horizon to seaward being shut out in a blanket of mist.

We passed by a buoy or two, and a lightship pitching at her moorings. Night came as we turned towards our patrol line. The first lieutenant, somewhere in the middle twenties, came climbing on to the bridge to report the ship darkened. Our depth charges were ready, our guns manned for instant action.

"Shall we have the torpedo-tubes trained out now, sir?" the first lieutenant asked the commander. "Yes, Number One," said the latter, a tall figure in a duffle coat and sea boots, with the inevitable glasses slung round his neck, "Please do."

Once out from the land the wind grew stronger, and the sea more steep and confused, probably because a strong tide and wind were running in opposite directions. Whiffs of spray came sweeping over the bows, and on the open bridge it was bitterly cold. The navigator, officer of the watch, lookout and myself were sea-booted and muffled almost to the eyes.

### Orders

The light of a winking buoy showed away in the darkness to port. The navigator, bending down to look along the compass, noted its bearing, and then dived down to crouch under the canvas cover of the chart table.

"We're on the position now, sir," came his muffled voice after an interval. "The new course is oh-eight-four." "All right," the commander replied. "Bring her round to oh-eight-four, Mr. Carver."

The officer put his mouth to the voicepipe communicating with the wheelhouse below. "Starboard fifteen," he ordered. "Starboard fifteen it is, sir," from the quartermaster at the wheel. "Midships," after an interval. "Port ten—steady on oh-eight-four." "Steady on oh-eight-four," came the voice of the quartermaster. The darkness had become intense. Astern I could only just see the black shapes of two of the destroyers following in our wake.

### Groping About

Several times during that long night I groped my way aft or forward along the darkened upper deck, picking my way foot by foot through the many encumbrances which threatened to throw me headlong, dodging from port to starboard to escape the overhanging lips of the after torpedo-tubes.

I visited the mess decks, to see a few figures, fully clothed and ready for a call, sleeping on tables, lockers and even the deck itself. Out on the bleak, windswept deck the men at the guns, torpedo-tubes and depth charges relieved each other at regular intervals. Down below in the engine-room and stockholds they were luckier, at least tolerably warm. On deck we were chilled to the very marrow. My feet were frozen.

All through that night we carried out our patrol the exact locality of which cannot be disclosed. We were listening for enemy submarines with that uncanny invention which has already been referred to by the First Lord of the Admiralty as producing the deadliest results. Arranging to be in certain spots at certain times, we half expected, certainly hoped, to locate a U-boat, in which case we should have made a concerted attack with depth charges.

### No Luck

But on this occasion there was no luck. We sighted, or located, no more than a neutral steamer showing her lights, and a buoy or two. As the commander himself observed in the small hours of the morning while sipping steaming cocoa in the charthouse, it was largely a matter of luck. In any case a good many thousands of miles must be steamed by many hunters for every U-boat that is attacked or sunk. He hoped for better fortune one day.

At about 7 a.m., chilled through and through, I went below to one of the warmest places in the ship, the ship's company's galley under the forecastle. The chief cook was there already, brewing cocoa and producing early breakfasts. In this small compartment, about fifteen feet by twelve, nearly half its deck space occupied by a coal range, the chief cook, with one assistant, produced three or four hot meals a day for 170 hungry sailors. They weren't half "pernickety" either, growling like fury if he failed to produce what they wanted.

Yes, he said in answer to my question, it was a toughish job. His day's work started round about four o'clock in the morning and ended at ten at night. Before coming here he'd been used to a big ship with an oil-fired galley and a host of assistants. In this galley during bad weather the sea sometimes developed a playful habit of coming in through the door to send his pots and pans flying, and himself as well. These destroyers rolled like fury in a gale of wind with a heavy beam sea. All the same, he prided himself on his job, reckoning that his ship's company, growl though they sometimes might, were the best fed in the flotilla.

### 100 Out of 127

At 7.20 I returned to the bridge, to find it was half daylight with low visibility and a biting breeze from the north-eastward with a stiffish lop through which the ship plunged uneasily. Our anti-aircraft guns were manned and ready in case of an attack; but none came. Probably the weather was too boisterous, and the clouds too low. For another hour, until full daylight came, we continued our hunt for a possible lurking U-boat; but no luck came our way.

We turned homewards by the route whence we had come, eventually to reach harbour and to secure alongside an oiler to replenish our diminished fuel. I was to leave the ship that day; but the next night she would be at sea again, and the two nights following. Since the war began that little ship had spent between 70 and 75 per cent. of her time at sea, and had been under way for 100 days out of 127.

My chief recollections are of those muffled figures on the bridge peering out through the inky darkness; of the patient quartermaster in the wheelhouse with his face illuminated in the dim light of the gyro compass; of the men stationed round the guns, torpedo-tubes, and depth charges ready for instant action; and of those others below in the engine room and stokeholds.

The whole impression gained was one of readiness for anything that might happen—of that sleepless watchfulness and preparedness which are the prime duties of the Royal Navy in time of war.

## Nazi Demonstrators Dispersed By Danes

Copenhagen, Apr. 1.

Two hundred and forty National-Socialists arrived at Aarhus, a town on the eastern coast of Jutland, from Danish Sleswig to take part in a Nazi demonstration there. When they left the railway station, they were arrested and the demonstration prevented. Their arrival clad in the Nazi uniform, caused much indignation throughout the town. Several were attacked and manhandled by irate crowds, and they were compelled to appeal to the police for protection.—Havas.

## Municipal Orchestra On Sunday
### Despite Programme Hall More Than Usually Empty

Members of the "Society for the Preservation of Old Favourites," were they there, doubtless settled themselves comfortably in their seats on Sunday, with a benign smile of inward satisfaction at the composition of the programme by the Municipal Orchestra.

But truth is apparently strange for, despite the attractive popularity of the offerings, the hall was more than usually empty. It has been observed cogently enough by many a sage, that it is a fallacy to underestimate the perception and taste of listeners; and this may be borne in mind when endeavouring to answer the eternal question of what the public in Shanghai is prepared to hear.

Unquestionably, the Orchestra's best contributions on Sunday were the three works of the early composers. (Oh, that a Rimsky-Korsakoff had but a fraction of the sensibilities of a Lully. The strings of the Orchestra bent their best bows to Marcello, Lully and Monsigny. The Nocturne of Lully is an inexpressibly beautiful fabric of sound. No detail of its texture and of its colour was lost by the patient and expert craftsmen who spun it into being.

### Precision Essential

Of the "Jupiter," one cannot say as much. Whether it is the early and middle homophonic period, or his later contrapuntal grasp, Mozart is ever subtle and refined in detail. Precision is therefore essential in the voicing of his art, and it was this quality which the Municipal Orchestra failed to provide.

The only thing that can be said for the Serenade from Charpentier's "Impressions d'Italie" is that if the concerted 'celli had played as well as Mr. Podushka's solo viola, the piece would have been a great success. As it was, they were neither in time, nor in tune, and since they play in unison, there is little left to say.

Charpentier, however, was redeemed (and so were the 'cellists) by the deftness with which the second number of this tuneful suite was played.

No complaints on the score of the "Capriccio On Spanish Themes;" it was let off with great success.—H.

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## Seventy Years Ago

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Complaints are made of the intrusion of Chinese tenants into foreign quarters of Hongkong, bringing with them all the nuisances incidental to Chinese life. This would seem to be a simple matter of supply and demand, and of police efficiency. The necessary arrangements for the amalgamation of the Union with the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co. have been completed; and a resolution has been passed, authorizing the increase of the latter company's capital to $1,000,000, to enable it to complete the purchase. An account is published of the foundering the King Lear, bound from Cardiff to Hongkong with coal. The chief officer and three seamen only were saved. The Ellenborough, bringing reinforcements from England, which had been so long out that fears were entertained for her safety, has arrived at Singapore.

## "Oriental Affairs"

One of the special articles in the April number of "Oriental Affairs" deals with "An Experiment of Government — Nanking." The writer gives an account of his visit to Nanking in March and documents are reproduced relating to the preliminaries to the inauguration of the new Government. Subjects of other articles are "The Shanghai Municipal Council —Elections and Annual Meeting," "The New Nanking 'Government'—International Complications," "Local Straw Votes," "The Council and Hongkew — Partial Restoration of Control," "Chinese Philanthropy—Large Scale Charity," "The Finances of the Settlement," "Japan's Trade Balance for 1939," while "The Food Crisis in North China" is signed by W. V. Pennell. Far Eastern Correspondence includes letters from Japan, Manchoukuo, North China and Malaya.

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# Woman's Page

## A LONDON LETTER

By Olive Dun

As the time of year approaches "when the kings go out to war," and the weather becomes more favourable for exhibitions of German action, new plans for evacuation of children are launched. Some 9,000,000 leaflets are being distributed to parents in London and 29 of its outer suburbs, from Acton to Enfield, from Tottenham to Morden, in which the scheme is explained and parents are begged to register their offspring as potential "vackies." Similar leaflets are being distributed to householders in safety areas, asking them to say how many children they are ready to accept.

In two respects this scheme differs from last September's. Children of five and under will stay with their parents; and there will be no evacuation at all unless air raids make it imperative, which will be for the Government to decide. Now that the schools have started again to cope with the hundreds of thousands of children who had returned from the country and were running wild about the streets, this is a wise decision. The great complaint of the last evacuation was that no provision had been made to carry on the children's schooling. Yet the authorities were not altogether to be blamed.

If on a country village equipped in normal times for the schooling of 50 children, 250 are suddenly dumped from London, how is it physically capable of finding them education? The real solution, of course, is to put them into camps, of which a good many are now available. This would also avoid the difficulty of parking them in private houses—an unwelcome contrivance, it must be confessed, on both sides.

We are also admonished to have our gas masks overhauled. For a few days yet—so careless am I, I have forgotten how many—we can get this done for nothing. After that time we shall have to pay for any repairs ourselves. Well then the question is, do gas masks go wrong just lying in their cases? For one may be certain that not one in 100,000 has been taken out of its case since the initial trying on. And not one person in 50 may be seen nowadays carrying a gas mask, though it is supposed to be compulsory to do so.

**Queen Inspects Her Amazons**

*Queen Elizabeth is shown talking with members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Forces during her recent tour of defence establishments with King George. The Queen traditionally is honorary colonel of several regiments in addition to holding honorary commands in women's auxiliary organizations.*

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### *Exigences of War*

How will the meat rationing, which begins today, work out, we wonder. Our household of four, not being great meat eaters, have ordinarily a weekly butcher's bill of 20s. to 25s. A fifth member of the establishment, like the Micawber twins, is still imbibing nourishment from "maternal founts," but we get a half-ration for her, which gives us a total weekly allowance of 8s. 10d., and bone included in what we spend it on. Our tempers are not improved by the fact that German prisoners are allowed more of everything than we are. The official wind is tempered to the shorn lamb to the extent that meals in restaurants and cooked meats may be had without ration cards.

Restraint indeed is very much to the fore. A big drive to increase British exports was announced last week by Mr. Hudson, secretary of the Overseas Trade Department. "The Englishman and his wife and children," he said, "will have to go without goods they are used to, and often without goods they require. Home consumption of many kinds of goods may have to be drastically curtailed so that they can be sold abroad."

Thus far Mr. Hudson. Whether the foreigner will play his part by buying what we are not allowed to buy in England remains to be seen. But already the Belfast linen makers are said to have agreed to make no more linen for the British market until after the war, and it is reported that the Yorkshire clothmakers will do the like. I reflect with some satisfaction, in looking to the day when we shall have to clothe ourselves in skins, that the country all round our village is particularly prolific of rabbits.

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### *Beauty Plus Brains*

Maxine Elliott, who died at her palatial chateau on the French Riviera last Thursday, besides being a perfectly lovely woman and a very good actress, was a first class woman of business. An American lawyer once said that, if she had been a man, "J. P. Morgan would have been her secretary and Jacob Schiff her office boy." She set herself to make $1,000,000, saved carefully, invested with extraordinary instinct for what was going to be profitable, and made her million. Then she built her chateau near Cannes at a cost of £70,000 and retired from the stage still under 40. She appeared once or twice after the Great War and made a few films. But only as a sort of diversion.

She was the daughter of a sea captain and as a child went to sea with her father. She first appeared on the stage when nineteen with Willard, then playing for the first time in New York, in that fine old melodrama "The Middleman." She paid her first visit to London in 1895 and played in some of Shakespeare's comedies. She was not really a great actress although quite capable, but so devastatingly beautiful that people went merely to look at her. For some years she oscillated between London and America. Then she built her own theatre in New York—the Maxine Elliott—which added to her wealth.

At her next visit to London she attracted the attention of King Edward VII and that was the beginning of an acquaintanceship with royalties galore. People jokingly called her house at Cannes the "House of Lords" from the number of exalted people she entertained there. But she was never blinded to the needs of poorer people, and indeed was a most generous woman. One looks back on the days of Maxine Elliott's triumphs with a certain regret. The stage then was alive with spectacular figures—Irving, Ellen Terry, Tree, John Hare, George Alexander. I certainly would not say that we do not have good acting and good actors and actresses now. But they do not stand out and fill the eye in the way that Maxine Elliott's contemporaries achieved. It would be hard to say how the change has come about.

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### *Have You Read——?*

Have you come across a novel called "That State of Life" by Hilton Brown? It was published in 1938 so you may have? If not let me urge you to get hold of it. I bought it by chance second-hand on a railway bookstall to beguile a tedious journey and for a piece of real human comedy delightfully written with characters that live in every line I have not seen its equal for a long time.

The father, a leading London doctor, his first wife being dead, marries a girl below him in station who has been knocked down by a taxi at his door. Of his two children Audrey, believing herself a Communist, takes up with a young shopman in a two-penny lending library, while the son falls violently in love with a married woman whom he idealizes in the manner usual to calf love, only to find that she is very common stuff indeed. The situations thus provoked are delicious. In the end Noelle, the stepmother, is attracted back to her own station by the handsome young leader of a dance-hall band, the two stepchildren are saved from making asses of themselves, and the story ends up in the most natural manner, with the restoration of everyone to that state of life unto which they have properly been called.

So much dreary and pretentious stuff is turned out nowadays (and so much that ought to go down the nearest drain at once) that I cannot resist inviting others to share the delight I had in reading this really inimitable piece of irony and insight.

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### *Name of Dread Import?*

To vary the wording of a certain familiar advertisement, "Shahs get it, tars get it, little tots and their mammas get it"—it being German measles. After the flu this is the latest epidemic to attack us. Offices are depleted all over London, and in buses people edge away suspiciously from anyone with a florid complexion. The germ, we are told, can be projected a yard from the patient. Beyond that it dies. But in a place like London there is always someone within a yard of you.

Why it is called German measles I don't know. The popular name for it, as cockneys always have a nickname for things, is rose rash. After three or four days the victim feels comparatively well, but remains infectious for another three weeks. You can calculate what this means in a household of say half a dozen, picking up the rose rash one after another.

## Miss Mary Stewart's Recital

### Noted Singer's Farewell to Shanghai

Music lovers should note the date of Miss Mary Stewart's farewell recital on Friday next, April 5, at the Lyceum Theatre at 9.15 p.m. Miss Stewart is leaving Shanghai shortly for her home in Bangkok and will be greatly missed in Shanghai where during the past two or three years she has held a very prominent position in the local musical world. Miss Stewart was a pupil of Busoni and made her first appearance in Shanghai as Lucy in Gay's "Beggar's Opera." She also played Dido in Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas:" her appearances with the Municipal Orchestra at the Lyceum Theatre are numerous, among the items she has given are "Kindertoten Leider," French songs by César Franck, Berlioz, Aubert, Debussy, Mahler's "Eines Fahrenden Gesellen" and an old Italian aria "Didone" by Marcello.

Miss Stewart will donate the proceeds of her concert to Miss Henderson's School for Chinese Refugees and to "The Cradle," which is another reason for giving the utmost support to what promises to be a most attractive recital.

## Decorative Art: Brighter Rooms

### Interiors Which Anticipate the Spring—New Pottery

New York.

The fact that spring is here brings the impulse to brighten up rooms which have become jaded through the long winter months. Already in the stores are fabrics, furniture and whole interiors which give welcome suggestions of the lighter, brighter decoration that spring promises to usher in.

It is especially good in a bedroom, this rather delicate, smart type of decoration. Offhand, you might think white and off-white walls a trifle cold for this retiring place, but when they receive warmth and interest from the fabrics that make up bedspread, curtains and dressing table, the effect is pleasing. A bedroom with oysterwhite walls is warmed through a clever and restrained use of rayon plaid. The plaid is seen, not in the whole bedspread, but just on the flounce and bolster; not as extensive over-draperies, but merely as valance and tie-backs. Elsewhere in the room the gay plaid is echoed in the lamp shade.

With plaid, a floral design can always be used without a feeling of too much pattern, and here it upholsters the comfortable barrel chair by the bedside, echoing the dominant blue of the room, brightened by pink and white floral motifs. Daintiness is contributed by the pink satin which covers a side chair and dressing-table stool. As one would expect, the carpet is blue, but deeper than the other blues in the room, which include the painted wood trim.

#### Periwinkle Blue

Springtime colours for bedrooms appear again most charmingly in a room with walls painted periwinkle blue, apparently one of the season's favourite colours. The carpet in a deeper tone becomes a satisfactory base of the reddish hue of the mahogany furniture. Pink is used as a foil in the skirt of the dressing table, the floral chintz of the chaise longue and the side chair, dressing-table stool and lamp shades. The window draperies—a new effect this season—are arranged so as to show the satin lining. Instead of the usual beige, this lining is blue, which combines well with the chintz of the curtains, repeated on the chaise longue.

Bedrooms in contemporary style can also be done effectively with light walls with soft colour accents. In one example, flesh-tinted walls harmonize with the definitely modern textured damask bedspread of the same colour and the deep rosetan tufted carpet. Turquoise blue and pale fawn yellow are colour foils for the light mahogany and honey-coloured lacquer finish of the contemporary style furniture. Scintillating mirror glass, a persistent note in modern rooms, appears in two unusual bedside tables which are attached to the wall on either side of the bed.

#### Chinese Embroideries

Chinese accessories — embroidery, painting on silk, old carved jade and bronzes—are so versatile in their decorative beauty that even in the contemporary-style room they seem quite at home. One may pay thousands of dollars for an exquisite rarity made for the imperial court or a comparatively small sum for a more everyday object and in either case acquire an object of value for an interior. Because Chinese art is so different from ours, a hanging or embroidery will, through its very distinction, enhance almost any type of furnishings. So, too, will a Ming pottery horse or an archaic bronze incense burner on a fireplace mantel.

Those who would enjoy seeing unusual Chinese antiques collected with rare discernmnt will do well to take in the exhibition, for the benefit of Chinese war orphans, of articles from the collection of Mrs. Eric Clarke of Shanghai, at the Arden Gallery, 460 Park Avenue.

#### Imperial Lama Robe

Outstanding among these distinguished examples of oriental beauty is an imperial lama robe which was worn by the Emperor once a year during the lama temple ceremonies. Rectangular in shape, it was clasped around the neck with a jade buckle. On its imperial yellow surface more than 1,000 tiny figures of deities are worked, their headdresses adorned with pearls and coral.

Once an imperial throne carpet, a blue-velvet-and-gold-thread hanging has a field of peonies and a wall-of-Troy border. A banner which was presented by the Emperor to a high official of the court on the latter's birthday shows many of the symbols for happiness and long life, including 100 peaches on the Tree of Life, spotted deer to note contentment and bats typifying happiness, all beautifully embroidered on satin. The many mandarin and Manchu robes displayed show further the remarkable originality and unequalled technique of the Chinese embroiderer.

Landscapes painted on silk or the still rarer painted and embroidered scenes are astonishingly fresh in colour and many of them quite gay in effect. Flower scrolls, a type of Chinese painted hanging much in vogue today, display a decorative combination of flowers and trees, or flowers, birds and animals.

As much as fifteen centuries old are some of the carved stone pieces, such as that of a goddess which has acquired a beautiful patina from having long been buried. Included is a collection of jade, some pieces carved in the form of curious floral ornaments, their outlines suggested by the form or colouring of the original jade rock. Ornaments and jewellery in jade, coral and wrought gold form an appealing part of this unusual collection.

## S. W. A.

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Women's Association will take place in the French Club on Thursday, April 4, at 4 p.m.

Mr. W. J. Kerr, Superintendent of Parks, will talk on plants.

**Presented Italy With Another Princess**

*The Princess of Piedmont, wife of the Italian Crown Prince with whom she is shown, gave birth to a baby girl on February 24. The couple's first child is Princess Maria, born in 1934. Their son Emanuel, Prince of Naples, was born in 1937. Before her marriage to the son and heir of Italy's King-Emperor, the Princess of Piedmont was Princess Marie Jose of Belgium. She is the sister of the King of the Belgians and daughter of the late King Albert.*

# Design Is Most Important In the Small City Garden

### "Outdoor Living Room" Behind Town House Must Be In Keeping With Tastes and Personality of Owner

DESIGN, whether in a painting or a garden, stands or falls on the fundamentals of balance and a focal point. Nowhere is good taste in design more important than in a city garden. While unsuccessful experiments and shortcomings of planting may be blurred in the distance of a larger country garden, they stand out glaringly in the limited area of a city plot.

The city garden is in fact a unit of the dwelling—a sort of outdoor living room or visual extension of the home. A fact often overlooked is that as such—as part of the home—the city garden should be an expression of personality or mode of life in the same way that a living room is.

It follows that the first questions of landscaping a city plot are: What is the character of the home? The taste of the people living in it? An informal, woodsy garden would hardly blend with the crisp geometrical lines of a modern apartment. On the other hand, elegant formality in the garden would not represent the tastes of people who find hooked rugs and maple furniture most livable.

Once the garden is considered a part of the home, it should not be difficult for the owner to choose the type of garden that will be most suitable.

#### Drawing a Plan

When the style is decided upon, a plan may be drawn to scale. After locating the immovable, permanent fixtures and structures—such as fences and buildings—the gardener can proceed to sketch in the planting as he would like to have it in the finished garden.

Occasionally neighbouring gardens contain trees, wandering vines or tall shrubs that may be taken into account. But it is rare that a city garden has an attractive background. While the gardener may fill his 20 x 35 plot with all the beauty of his imagination and skill, he has no control over the rear view of buildings and fire escapes. In that case he is better off if he chooses to ignore the surroundings and concentrates on his own garden, for beautifying the landscape in the city, except in the case of community gardens, is usually a strictly private undertaking.

The individual unit garden, however, must be definitely tied up with the building of which it is a part. This is one item in the permanent surroundings which cannot be ignored.

While the main purpose is to create the effect as seen from the house or the terrace, one should not forget the opposite view and in designing a garden it is a good idea to go to the farthest end and look back toward the house. A great many people see the garden from that angle and from other houses and a good design will stand being looked at from any direction.

#### Designs for the City

The established idea that only a formal design is suitable to the city seems now to be subject to qualifications. In several years of city garden contests, informal, artistically designed gardens have been well ahead of the formal in winning awards. Many authorities feel that it is more difficult to succeed with an informal than a formal design. There is a vast difference, however, between studied, designed informality, resulting in a balanced whole, and the "jungle" type of garden that passes under the term "informal."

In designing an informal or natural garden, restraint must be exercised in the choice of plants. The gardener must keep plants' habits of growth in mind and choose material that will not outgrow its space in a short time. A more satisfactory effect is usually achieved by a limited variety of plants, massed, rather than miscellaneous combinations of many species.

The typical city gardener is a hurry-up gardener and he wants his finished picture in one or at the most two seasons. For him, dwarf and semi-dwarf plants, purchased near their maximum of growth, are ideal. Taller and more rampant growing material, when desired for other qualities, must be kept in check by systematic pruning.

The informal design offers many opportunities for the use of vines. Fences and walls can be camouflaged with the graceful branches and a feeling of seclusion achieved.

#### Problem of the Narrow Lot

If a plot is too long and narrow, the difficulty can be overcome with rapid-growing vines on well-placed arbours as well as by massing shrubs in symmetrical groupings. In the other extreme of a short square plot, an effect of depth may, for example, be achieved by a diagonally set walk, using tall growing background material balanced by a low feature. An informal pool may have a rock garden or woodland plants as a setting.

For busy city dwellers with little time for practical gardening, there is often a particular advantage in the more permanent and set formal pattern, varied only by seasonal blooming plants. For shady locations especially an all-green garden, with formal plantings of evergreens, is successful.

A skilfully designed formal garden need not be stiff and stilted; even a garden where plant material is subordinated to architectural and decorative elements can be charmingly intimate when small or gracefully elegant on a large scale.

## B. W. A.

Monday, Apr. 1.—Badminton. Social Service Board 4.45 p.m. Needlecraft Section 2 p.m. at 753 Yu Yuen Road.

Tuesday, Apr. 2.—Hospital Al Department 9 to noon. Sports Section Committee Meeting 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Apr. 3.—Red Cross Work 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Knitting 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. and 4.45 to 6 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 4.—Red Cross Work at 1288 Bubbling Well Road 9 to noon.

Friday, Apr. 5.—Badminton, Home and Garden Section 10 a.m. at 600 Hungjao Road. Red Cross Work at 1288 Bubbling Well Road 9 to noon.

Saturday, Apr. 6.—Balminton. Knitting 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

Monday, Apr. 8.—Badminton. Library Section Committee Meeting 9.30 a.m.

The next meeting of the Home and Garden Section takes place on Friday, April 5, at 10 a.m. at 600 Hungjao Road. Talk on "Pollination." Members requiring lifts should be at the Bubbling Well Road Cemetery by 9.30 a.m.

There will be a meeting of the Sports Section Committee at Headquarters on Tuesday, April 2, at 10 a.m.

Members of the Sports Section are reminded of the closing tournament of the season to be played at Headquarters on April 8, commencing at 2 p.m. A large attendance is hoped for. Names of those wishing to enter must be sent to the Section Secretary as soon as possible.

The British Women's Association War Work Knitting Section wish to advise that in future the work room will not be open on Wednesday afternoon. In order to accommodate office girls who cannot send or call for their wool in the morning, the room will remain open until 12.30 p.m. every Wednesday.

## The First Hospitals

Recently a Roman military hospital was unearthed at Neuse, near Dusseldorf, which was established by Tiberius on the Roman Road to Cologne, and, despite the years that have passed, is practically similar in design to our modern hospitals. It was well built, and arranged on a corridor plan, having thirty-six wards for the sick, each ward accommodating only five to six patients.

A large room for refreshment was in the centre of the building, with an administrative block at one end, including staff kitchens, apothecaries' shop, and rooms for doctors and attendants

In these rooms were found instruments such as sounds bronze needles, and the hospital records, which showed that there were strict rules regarding cleanliness, nursing, and good cooking.

Close to the hospital were the remains of large bathing-houses and other sanitary provisions, even including a central heating apparatus.

## A. W. C.

Tuesday, Apr. 2.—Fashion Show, 4.30

Wednesday, Apr. 3.—Members of gardening department will met at home of Mrs. C. A. Crispin, 601 Amherst Ave. at 10 a.m. There will be a flower basket arrangement by Mrs. D. W. Edwards.

## London Modifies Paris Skirt Lengths

Knee-length skirts shown in the Paris collections are to be modified by London dressmakers, who promise to adjust the length rather than to adhere slavishly to the Paris decree that skirts should be twenty inches from the ground.

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# THE SPORTS PAGE

## World of Sport at Home

### England Win Handsome Rugger Victory Over Wales; Late Prince Obolensky Played Brilliantly

THE most attractive sports feature of March 9 was certainly the International Rugby match, at Cardiff, in beautiful weather. England gained a handsome victory over Wales at Cardiff Arms Park in the first Rugby International ever played in war-time, and the score of three goals and a try to two penalty goals and a try is an indication of her supremacy, which was especially marked in the last 20 minutes. Keen interest had been aroused in the match, and as there were upwards of 50,000 people present, the Red Cross and Services Recreational Equipment Funds will benefit considerably. Let me give the teams first:

Wales—Howard Davies (Swansea); C. Matthews (Brigend); H. O. Edwards (Neath); W. Wooller (Cardiff); captain); E. R. Knapp (Cardiff and Cambridge); W. E. Jones (Neath); H. Tanner (Swansea); W. J. Evans (Pontypool); W. H. Travers (Newport); W. E. N. Davies (Cardiff); R. B. Price (Weston-super-Mare); L. Davies (Swansea); F. Dorning (Cross Keys); L. Manfield (Cardiff); I. Owen (Maesteg).

England—P. Cranmer (Moseley); E. J. Unwin (Rosslyn Park); F. G. Edwards (Gloucester); J. Heaton (Waterloo); A. Obolensky (Rosslyn Park); T. A. Kemp (St. Mary's Hosp.) (captain); J. Ellis (Wakefield); D. E. Teden (Richmond); C. G. Gilthorpe (Coventry); R. E. Prescott (Harlequins); T. F. Huskisson (O.M.T.); R. Willcox (Bedford); J. K. Watkins (U.S.); C. Newton-Thompson (Cambridge U); J. T. W. Berry (Leicester).

Referee: Ivor David (Neath).

**How the Game Went**

The first score came after 25 minutes' play, and the best movement that so far had been seen preceded it. Kemp broke away and started a brilliant passing movement between four English forwards which led to a scrum near the Welsh line. England heeled, and Ellis worked the blind side successfully, Kemp taking his pass to score. Heaton's shot at goal from a difficult angle just went wide. Five minutes later Wales drew level.

England were penalized for a scrum infringement, and from some distance out, though straight in front, Howard Davies landed a goal. Wales went ahead, when the second half was five minutes old Tanner gave to Owen, who darted away, punted over the line, and beating Cranmer in the race for the ball, touched down for a try amid delirious Welsh cheers. England, however, were the better team, and as the result of the finest round of passing of the match, regained the lead. This time it was Ellis who began the movement. From a scrum he gave Kemp a beautifully-timed pass and Kemp handed on to Heaton, who made a beautiful opening before sending on to Edwards. The last-named drew the fullback and Unwin completed a 40-yards run with a try between the posts, which Heaton converted.

England went further ahead midway through this half, Ellis and Kemp, the English halves, again initiating the movement. F. G. Edwards took a long pass from Kemp, and brushing by Wooller, shot through for a capital try. Heaton converted. A second penalty goal by H. Davies reduced England's lead, but ten minutes from the end Kemp clinched matters for England with a try which Heaton again converted. Obolensky played a big part in this.

**Splendid English Pack**

It had been anticipated that Wales would obtain more of the ball from the set scrums through the agency of Travers, their hooker, and this duly materialized in the first half when Wales heeled from two scrums out of three. As the wind had been in favour of England and yet the scores were level at three points all, things did not look too good from an English point of view, but although Wales were ahead for a few minutes afterwards, they fell away. Their forwards could not stand up to the splendid English pack, a heavy yet fast eight. The Welshmen were as badly beaten for the ball in the second half as their opponents had been in the first. Teden, Huskisson, and Newton-Thompson rose to the top of their form, and they were grandly supported by their backs, among whom Ellis was outstanding.

Kemp, England's new captain, also played a fine part in his side's victory, and it was exhilarating to see Obolensky at last have just one chance in a big match. This occurred ten minutes before the finish. Receiving the ball, Obolensky cut inside and sprinted diagonally across the field. Not a hand was laid on him until he had nearly reached the Welsh "25." Here Teden took up the running, and Berry, and finally Kemp, left Wales bewildered as the captain ran over unopposed.

Wales had an excellent loose forward in Owen, while Travers did all he knew to pull the pack together, but they would not respond, and, as the Welsh three-quarters were off colour, it was not surprising that Wales lst. W. E. Jones, however, made quite a promising first appearance as partner to Tanner.

The return match, I hear, is to be played at Gloucester on April 13, circumstances permitting, and in aid of the same cause.

**Sad Day for London**

The leading London Soccer teams had a sad Saturday on March 9. Crystal Palace, top of South D, went down at Watford (5-2). Tottenham Hotspur, leading South C, could only draw at home with Brentford (—). Arsenal, who made the first regional competition look like a private Boomps-a-Daisy, lost at Southampton (3-2).

It was left to Chelsea, Clapton Orient, and Queen's Park Rangers to restore the local honour. Chelsea, with the Cup on view, rattled home against Portsmouth (4-1), the Orient had the rare temerity to score five goals against Southend, and Q.P.R. replied to their critics—who had said that the side were falling off—by winning away at Brighton (2-1).

The reversals serve one good purpose; they keep the competitions open. The original league was damped from the start by the way Arsenal ran away with it. Just at present the new competition is anybody's, except Portsmouth's, who can't pick up a point.

Attendance cheered the local managers; they averaged something like 9,000 a match.

In the north there was an average of more than five goals a match in the north-eastern competition, while down in the South West Han had a mad five minutes in the second half against Fulham, and scored four times (5-0).

Wolverhampton Wanderers had a stroll home over Leicester City, winning 5-1. Major Buckley still likes to be original. The average age of the Wolves was under 20; Wright, at outside left is 15, and Springthorpe, at left half, is an old man of 17. Their pace told in the second half. Cynics say that George Allison and company are probably now starting a tour of the creches in the evacuated areas.

**Army *v.* Football League**

Failure to exploit their wing men cost the Football League XI dearly in an excellent game against the Army, at Anfield, Liverpool. In the second half the League staged a brave rally in an effort to wipe out the Army's four goals first-half lead, established by Mercer, Fenton and Barber (2). Balmer took two fine goals, but gradually a keen and accomplished Army side got on top again, and Fenton increased their lead to enable them to win (5-2). The Army were brilliantly served at half-back by Mercer, who was the best man on the field. Barber, a last-minute inclusion in Compton's place on the wing, Catlin, Fenton, Balmer, Shankly and Hayes were outstanding in a fine game.

**Oxford End Season**

Oxford University won their last game of the season at the expense of Rosslyn Park, whom they beat at Oxford by three goals and two tries to a goal and two tries. Rosslyn Park had the advantage forward, but the Dark Blues showed more speed and enterprise outside. Oxford have won nine of their sixteen matches, scoring 313 points against 194.

Bristol by 20-9 points beat a strong Army team which included M.J. Daly the Irish International. Northampton by 8 points (all scored in the first half) beat after a fight an Army team which, including various well-known Club players, scored 5 points in the second half. The Aldershot Command lost to the Metropolitan Police by 28 points to 15, the latter showing superior team work. Gloucester beat an Army XV by 24 points to 9 after a fast and exciting game. Torquay beat the United Services (12-9).

The Harlequins and St. Mary's Hospital drew, each side with one placed goal and one penalty goal. The latter team showed the better form, Guy's beat the London Welsh and Irish 11-3, and Middlesex Hospital beat Charing Cross Hospital (14-3).

Northampton beat Durham (11-7). Leinster defeated Ulster in the presence of 6,000 spectators at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, by two placed goals and two dropped goals to one goal, one penalty goal and one try.

## Shooting Contest Held By Chinese Units

### Cpl. Y. H. Zia Wins High Gun Honours for Chen Cup

About forty members of the Chinese and Interpreter Companies, S.V.C., assembled at the Drill Hall on Sunday at 9 a.m. to compete in rifle shooting on the miniature range for the Chen Cup. Those who participated must have recorded full attendance during the S.V.C. year, 1938-1939.

The Cup was originally presented to Maj. Z. Y. Chen, O. C. of the two units, by Messrs. Yu Ya-ching and Yuan Hung-kee, presidents of the S.V.C. Chinese Units Association, in recognition of the former's able command since 1932. Maj. Chen, in turn, presented the cup to the units for annual competition, having named it the Chen Cup.

The conditions of the shoot were grouping, application, snap-shot and moving, all at a distance of 20 yards. This year's competition is the second one to be held and was a very keen one. Cpl. Y. H. Zia, of the Chinese Co. was the high gun with a creditable score of 73—Sergt. J. T. Yih and Cpl. S. C. Soo were runners-up with scores, respectively, of 67 and 65.

The prizes will be awarded and handed to the winners tomorrow during their annual company parade by Mrs. Z. Y. Chen, wife of the donor. The first winner is to keep the cup for one year until the next competition, besides being awarded a minature, while second and third were awarded two spoons and one silver respectively.

## Shanghai Golf Club

The April Monthly Cup will be played for on Saturday and Sunday, at Seekingjao. Conditions 18 holes Medal; "A" Class Scr. to 12; "B" Class 13 to 24.

**Notice**

Renewal of Motor Car Licences are due on March 30. Members desiring renewal should send in their small brown licence cards without delay. These cards may be handed to the Secretary at the Club House or sent to the Secretary's Office.

**March Monthly Bogey**

"A" Class

| | |
|---|---|
| L. D. Carson | All Square |
| H. Grubb | Two Down |

"B" Class

| | |
|---|---|
| T. D. Drysdale | Four Down |
| A. M. Dixon | Five Down |

Following are the March-Through-the-Month Competition results, points *v.* par:—

**March-Through-The-Month**

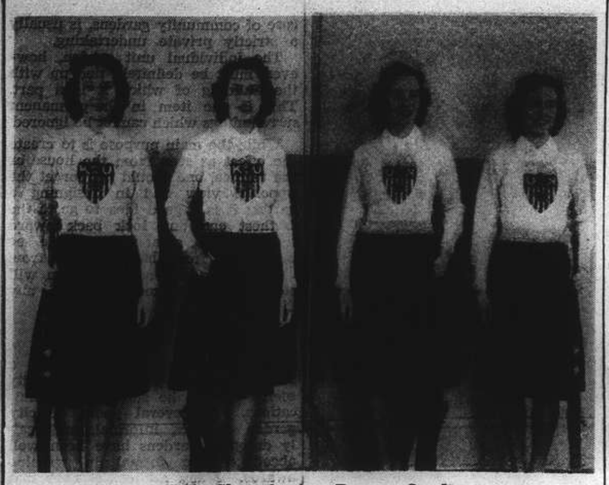
| | H'cap | Score |
|---|---|---|
| J. F. Maclennan | 5 | 38 |
| Major J. E. Marsh | Scr. | 33 |
| D. R. Glass | 6 | 33 |
| H. J. M. Cook | 12 | 33 |
| W. J. Hawkings | 5 | 30 |
| A. P. Nazer | 16 | 26 |

53 entries.

18 Holes Medal Play

| | |
|---|---|
| T. S. M. Terrace | 73—6=67 |
| J. F. Maclennan | 72—5=67 |
| H. M. Cook | 84—12=72 |
| D. R. Glass | 78—6=72 |
| Major J. E. Marsh | Scr. 73 |

31 entries.



**Twin Sharpshooters Become Quads**

*Pretty twins of the Kansas Rifle Team were placed next to a mirror to achieve this effect.*

## Local Darts League Nearly Closing

### Louza Blues Receive Bad Setback; R.A.S.C. Excellent Chances to Triumph

With the Open Darts League almost completed, the Louza Blues, one time favourites for the title, received a very rude shock in their drive for the championship, being defeated last week by the poorly fancied Military Police side, 2-1. The Louza side now head the table with 38 points from 18 matches, but the Royal Army Service Corps with a match in hand have acquired 37 points to secure a firm grasp on second place. Louza have one more match to play, while the present runners-up have to complete two more tussles to complete their schedule.

It is a toss-up as to which side will gain the title but the result will probably hinge on the final game of the series to be played. The East Surreys are not yet out of the reckoning though they will have to record maximum points from their last two engagements to hope to be in the running for the title. Similarly Carter Road have still an outside chance but it appears that the battle will be fought between the Louza Blues and the R.A.S.C.

**Wooden Spoon Winners**

At the other end of the table, the Shanghai Volunteer Corps bring up the rear and are assured of the wooden spoon for another twelve months, their nineteen matches, schedule completed, only netting them nineteen points.

Insp. Mason, the Pootoo Road star, who recently scored a possible of 180 in one throw to take the lead in the race for individual honours, had his effort equalled a few evenings ago by Drum-Major Croot of the East Surreys side. He too hit three treble-twenties to achieve the impossible possible.

Latest results and tables follow:

League Table

| | P. | W. | L. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Loza Blues | 18 | 14 | 4 | 38 |
| R.A.S.C. | 17 | 14 | 3 | 37 |
| Sgts. Mess East Surreys | 17 | 11 | 6 | 34 |
| Carter Road Canteen | 17 | 11 | 6 | 32 |
| Gaol | 16 | 12 | 4 | 30 |
| Cpls. Mess Seaforths | 18 | 12 | 6 | 28 |
| Garrison Sgt. Mess | 18 | 8 | 10 | 28 |
| Shanghai Recreation Club | 19 | 9 | 10 | 28 |
| Corps Military Police | 19 | 8 | 11 | 27 |
| R.A.M.C. | 18 | 9 | 9 | 25 |
| Area Details | 18 | 9 | 9 | 24 |
| Police Club Reds | 17 | 7 | 10 | 24 |
| Sgts. Mess Seaforths | 18 | 7 | 11 | 24 |
| Wayside | 18 | 6 | 12 | 24 |
| Triple Darts Club | 18 | 8 | 10 | 23 |
| Shanghai Fire Brigade | 17 | 7 | 10 | 22 |
| Pootoo Road | 17 | 8 | 9 | 21 |
| West Hongkew | 14 | 6 | 8 | 20 |
| Central Club | 19 | 5 | 14 | 20 |
| S.V.C. | 19 | 5 | 14 | 19 |

Highest Scores in one throw

| | |
|---|---|
| Insp. Mason (Pootoo Road) | 180 |
| Drum Maj. Croot (East Surreys) | 180 |

## All-Jewish Shanghai Sports Meeting

### Supplementary Events Also To Be Held on May 12

An all-Jewish Shanghai Maccabi athletic meet has been fixed by local Maccabi officials for May 12 at Kiaochow Park, simultaneously with similar events all over the world, it was officially announced yesterday. In an addition to an extensive track and field programme the meet will include exhibitions tussles in tennis, soccer, swimming, boxing, hockey and table tennis, thus covering all sporting activities of the local Maccabi organization.

The meet will begin with a grand parade of athletic sections which will participate in the contest and it is expeced that some 400 contestants will take part in the parade. There will be an exhibition in gymnastics in the course of the meet.

A swimming gala will be held on May 11 in the Foreign "Y" pool, and the night of the athletic meet will see a grand ball at the French Club.

Several local non-Jewish groups will be invited to compete in the track and field contests, and for the purpose of competition an All-Jewish aggregation is to be selected to oppose them.

Training has started, and is being held at Hongkew Park on Tuesdays and Thursday at 4.30 p.m. From April 10, daily practice will be instituted on the American School track, at 4.30 p.m.

## Senior Rackets Championship

### Green, Pote Hunt, Squash Finalists, Tomorrow Night

The finals of the Senior Squash Rackets Championship will take place at the Rowing Club tomorrow at 6.10 p.m. when D. Green and J. W. Pote-Hunt meet. Both have come through the qualifying rounds triumphantly taking some of the best players in their path and the final match will reveal probably the best game of the season.

Of the two, D. Green is better known among squash circles having played first string for the Foreign Y.M.C.A. for several years and being regarded as a fine stylist. He has been knocking at the door of the senior championship for several years and this year sees him in the final, and conceded a very good chance of annexing the trophy. He has beaten W. R. McCutcheon, H. G. Fabian and L. H. Wade, respectively, to make his way into the final, the first two opponents not giving him very great trouble, but his match with Wade saw an interesting struggle wherein Green beat last year's champion in four games.

**Former Junior Champion**

J. W. Pote-Hunt, the other finalist, is a former Junior Champion who has not appeared in the headlines recently as he has been hiding his light playing at No. 2 for the Race Club. Considered as good if not better than his first string, he came into more prominence lately when he defeated M. Benavitch in the second round of this tournament. In that particular match he was on his best form and, as Benavitch was considered the strongest threat in the senior tourney, this season, his victory over that player is a good augury for his chances on Wednesday night. After he beat Benavitch, he met Capt. J. C. Powell in the semi-final and won handsomely in quick time.

Both players have a variety of strokes, with Green's soft shots being more particularly stressed than Pote-Hunt's but the latter is quite as able to bring off drop shots and his all round play is quite the equal of the Y.M.C.A. player. The match will be very evenly contested and should attract a large crowd.

## Lido and East Surreys To Meet on Saturday

### First Round Postponed Match to Be Decided

The Shanghai Football Association announced yesterday that the match between Lido and East Surreys in the first round of the First Division will definitely be played off on Saturday at the Canidrome, beginning at 2.30 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Association has penalized four Chinese players as a result of the two recent Cup finals. N. L. Meng, although not ordered off the field, was suspended for the remainder of the season. K. S. Suen, captain of the Chinese eleven, and Y. L. Chia each received strong cautions. It is learned that the Chinese captain was blamed for ungentlemenly conduct in speaking to the referee and lodging a protest to the arbiter's decision and in doing so tended to incite the spectators. Z. Z. Tsaing was also suspended for the remainder of the season as he was sent off the field in the Skottowe Cup final.

A. G. B. Carnell will referee Saturday's game and will be assisted by T. H. Ho and L. Chang on the side-lines.

## *Shanghai Man Lucky In Irish Sweep*

Dublin, Apr. 1.

A Shanghai man had a lucky draw in the Irish Sweepstakes lottery, according to the turn of the drums today. Mr. M. P. de Campos, of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz, drew Black Hawk, a runner, with ticket No. ZK 09821. As a runner the ticket is worth £625, with possibilities of winning £30,000. —Irish International Press Bureau.

## Rugby Club Not to Play U.S. Marines

### Decided Because of No New Blood and Inability To Field Representatives

Due to lack of new blood from home and inability to place representative teams in the field, the Shanghai Rugby Union Football Club has decided, as from next autumn, not to meet United States Marine Corps fifteens in rugger encounters until such time as the Americans' youth and physical fitness can be fairly matched, it was learned yesterday evening during the course of a speech made by Colonel DeWitt Peck, Commanding Officer, Fourth Marines, at a dinner held at the Marines Club in Bubbling Well Road to celebrate the close of a very successful season.

A very pleasant time was enjoyed by 60 guests which number included Col. Peck, Lieut.-Col. Murray, Executive Officer; Major Hunt, Athletic Officer, Capt. Allen, Lieut. Cain. Dr. T. M. Burton, President of the Shanghai Rugby Union Football Club. Mr. W. D. Pearson, Club Captain, and Mr. H. W. Carter.

**Convival Evening**

Several amusing speeches were made and conviviality was the order of a most successful evening. Members of the senior Marine XV were presented to Colonel Peck who, on behalf of the Marine Corps, handed them golden replicas of a miniature rugby ball to commemorate the success that attended their efforts during the past winter season.

Despite the fact that the announcement relating to the temporary abandonment of Club-Marine games will cause untold disappointment in local rugger circles, the news that an invitation has been extended to the Marine players to join in and play with Club sides in the future will be received with the greatest of satisfaction.

## Golf Competitions Held on Sunday

### Messrs. Glass and Terrace Winners at Hungjao

The playoff for the Captain's Prize, presented by Mr. H. R. Cleland—18 holes *v.* bogey—took place on Sunday between Messrs. D. R. Glass and H. Laffond and resulted in a win for the former. Both players, were however, below their usual form.

Play for the Silver Putter, presented by Sir Victor Sassoon—18 holes Medal play—was held on Sunday under conditions far from ideal. The course was stretched to its longest, the wind strong and the fairways and greens wet after the heavy rain of Friday night. Mr. Terrace's score of 73 was therefore a particularly fine effort and represented first-class play under difficult conditions. With a handicap of 6 a nett 67 made him an easy winner. Particulars of his score are as follows:—

| | |
|---|---|
| Out | 4, 5, 3, 5, 3, 4, 3, 5, 3=35 |
| In | 4, 5, 6, 3, 4, 4 3, 5, 4=38 73 |

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## Drastic Changes At Ten Pins

### In Commercial League 'Texaco Lose; Telephones Win from 2nd Batt., 3-0

Some drastic changes were seen in the Hardwood Section of the Commercial Ten Pins (handicap) League when the fifth week's play got under way last night on the various alleys. The Texaco Bears suffered a reverse when the team lost to Headquarters Marines by the odd game in three. The service men won the first and third strings by a decisive margin, with Messersmith, the lead-off man, getting a splendid triple of 598, including the evening's highest single of 236.

The Accountants trimmed the First Battalion Marines by a 2-1 score and tied with both the Press and the Texaco Bears in second place, each having nine wins out of fifteen games played. The Pressmen defeated the lowly Automobiles also by the odd game in three.

Communications continued to lead in the Softwood Section with a close 2-1 victory over Transportation. The Telephones however, made a good climb by whipping the Second Battalion Marines 3-0 and are on level with Communications, each getting ten games won and five lost. The Texaco Stars disposed of the Chase Bank by three clear games to share the third berth with Insurance who handed Commercial Express a similar defeat. The Stars and Insurance teams have each scored nine wins out of fifteen games played.

The best individual player was Gray of the Junior Chamber of Commerce who tripled for 600 pins. He countered three consistent singles.

Last night's results follow:—

Accountants, 2

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maitland | 188 | 232 | 144 | 556 |
| Xavier | 151 | 161 | 225 | 537 |
| Ward | 165 | 160 | 189 | 515 |
| Watton | 160 | 184 | 153 | 479 |
| Eisenhut | 175 | 182 | 160 | 517 |
| H'cap | 92 | 92 | 92 | 276 |
| | 923 | 1,011 | 963 | 2,880 |

First Marines, 1

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Williams | — | — | 145 | 145 |
| Wells | 167 | 183 | 189 | 539 |
| Blais | 160 | 168 | 156 | 484 |
| Ashley | 160 | 179 | 166 | 505 |
| Brunetti | 186 | 162 | 142 | 490 |
| Boles | 241 | 146 | — | 287 |
| H'cap | 94 | 94 | 94 | 282 |
| | 1,008 | 932 | 901 | 2,722 |

Communications, 2

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lamb | 149 | 132 | 179 | 460 |
| McClellan | 148 | 171 | 177 | 496 |
| Dwyer | 155 | 155 | 116 | 426 |
| Perry | 130 | 113 | 159 | 402 |
| James | 125 | 124 | 162 | 411 |
| H'cap | 162 | 162 | 162 | 436 |
| | 869 | 857 | 955 | 2,681 |

Transportation, 1

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Danzy | 112 | 120 | 109 | 341 |
| Farmer | 118 | 133 | 167 | 418 |
| Ross | 144 | 135 | 113 | 392 |
| Hubert | 137 | 166 | 144 | 447 |
| Elliott | 164 | 175 | 153 | 492 |
| H'cap | 177 | 177 | 177 | 531 |
| | 852 | 906 | 863 | 2,621 |

Press, 2

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Inwood | 203 | 172 | 166 | 541 |
| Ladd | 174 | 155 | 154 | 483 |
| Burton | 108 | 153 | 189 | 450 |
| Morang | 171 | 167 | 169 | 507 |
| Butler | 168 | 172 | 155 | 495 |
| H'cap | 118 | 118 | 118 | 354 |
| | 942 | 937 | 951 | 2,830 |

Automobiles, 1

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ricks | 134 | 130 | 175 | 439 |
| Gill | 100 | 125 | 117 | 402 |
| Manney | 129 | 156 | 116 | 401 |
| Huppman | 178 | 144 | 179 | 501 |
| Bourne | 163 | 147 | 204 | 514 |
| H'cap | 174 | 174 | 174 | 522 |
| | 938 | 876 | 965 | 2,779 |

Headquarters Marines, 3

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Messersmith | 168 | 196 | 236 | 598 |
| Cone | 136 | 152 | 184 | 472 |
| Dillinger | 147 | 157 | 184 | 488 |
| Fiori | 180 | 159 | 188 | 527 |
| Dolinsek | 179 | 160 | 148 | 490 |
| H'cap | 101 | 101 | 101 | 303 |
| | 909 | 928 | 1,021 | 2,858 |

Texaco Bears, 0

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stocker | 137 | 144 | 126 | 407 |
| Shoemaker | 134 | 190 | 197 | 521 |
| Thomson | 144 | 126 | — | 270 |
| Gorman | 158 | 180 | 168 | 506 |
| Taylor | 125 | 141 | 161 | 427 |
| Willis | — | — | 154 | 154 |
| H'cap | 169 | 169 | 163 | 501 |
| | 867 | 950 | 969 | 2,786 |

Chamber of Commerce, 3

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Huebner | 178 | 201 | 156 | 535 |
| Cullinan | 133 | 209 | 178 | 520 |
| Quinn | 159 | 167 | 140 | 466 |
| Clark | 213 | 171 | 184 | 568 |
| Gray | 199 | 214 | 187 | 600 |
| H'cap | 117 | 117 | 117 | 351 |
| | 999 | 1,079 | 962 | 3,040 |

Yankee Consuls, 0

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Collins | 178 | 171 | 155 | 504 |
| Mulliner | 131 | 153 | 132 | 416 |
| McFayden | 158 | 141 | 112 | 381 |
| Engdahl | 133 | 141 | 134 | 408 |
| Lamont | 129 | 164 | 168 | 461 |
| H'cap | 169 | 169 | 169 | 507 |
| | 868 | 939 | 870 | 2,677 |

Telephone, 3

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cuthbert | 142 | 132 | 195 | 469 |
| Souter | 134 | 177 | 150 | 461 |
| Smith | 146 | 173 | 126 | 445 |
| Hartnett | 155 | 169 | 141 | 465 |
| Klovekorn | 175 | 169 | 181 | 525 |
| H'cap | 127 | 127 | 127 | 381 |
| | 879 | 947 | 920 | 2,746 |

Second Marines, 0

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boyle | 123 | — | 119 | 242 |
| Livingston | 192 | 136 | 142 | 470 |
| Reper | 115 | — | — | 115 |
| Hansell | 158 | 182 | 172 | 512 |
| Barton | 123 | 163 | 161 | 447 |
| Halvorsen | — | 132 | — | 132 |
| Kolvyck | — | 168 | 160 | 328 |
| H'cap | 110 | 125 | 121 | 356 |
| | 821 | 906 | 875 | 2,602 |

Insurance, 2

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blake | 163 | 158 | 165 | 486 |
| Hebel | 154 | 151 | 148 | 453 |
| Anderson | 157 | 138 | 222 | 517 |
| Hale | 202 | 156 | 129 | 487 |
| Gonsalves | 221 | 171 | 187 | 579 |
| H'cap | 87 | 87 | 87 | 261 |
| | 984 | 861 | 938 | 2,783 |

Commeercial Express, 1

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bervovitch | 145 | 129 | 151 | 425 |
| Roman | 92 | 132 | 102 | 326 |
| Katz | 165 | 161 | 167 | 493 |
| Madar | 149 | 157 | 173 | 479 |
| Lurton | 160 | 124 | 159 | 443 |
| H'cap | 180 | 180 | 180 | 540 |
| | 891 | 883 | 932 | 2,706 |

Texaco Stars, 3

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mayger | 179 | 149 | 211 | 539 |
| Worden | 132 | 157 | 167 | 456 |
| Drager | 143 | 118 | 132 | 393 |
| Cox | 188 | 164 | 167 | 519 |
| Krause | 159 | 174 | 196 | 529 |
| H'Cap | 164 | 164 | 164 | 492 |
| | 965 | 926 | 1,037 | 2,928 |

Chase Bank, 0

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lamneck | 114 | 174 | 162 | 420 |
| Ryan | 153 | 170 | 155 | 458 |
| Miller | 111 | 137 | 102 | 350 |
| Karg | 111 | 114 | 170 | 395 |
| Robinson | 148 | 165 | 178 | 491 |
| H'Cap | 168 | 168 | 168 | 504 |
| | 785 | 893 | 935 | 2,618 |

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# Sr. Quezon Leaves Loophole

## Declaration on Islands' Independence Believed Carefully Qualified; High Commissioner's Comment

Manila, Apr. 1.

LEADING advocates for reconsideration of the Philippine independence question today interpreted President Manuel Quezon's speeches of last week as a move to "leave the door open for future negotiations" between Washington and Manila. Sr. Jose Romero, member of the Philippines Assembly, and Sr. Salvador Araneta, another leader of the Philippine Civic League, said President Quezon was recognizing that "the substance of freedom is more essential to the Philippines than the form."

President Quezon, it was recalled, declared twice last week that the Philippines would be unable to defend themselves for at least 25 years. He added on both occasions, however, that the Filipinos still want their independence in 1946 regardless of their admitted inability to defend themselves.

The President's declaration proved a shock even to his closest followers, but some quarters regarded his admission that the Philippines cannot defend themselves as an invitation to Washington to come forward with some bargaining point which would enable the Philippines to remain under the American flag.

Meanwhile, the U. S. High Commissioner to the Philippines, Mr. Francis B. Sayre, told the press that he could not understand President Quezon's assertion that the present economic relationship between the United States and the Philippines was unfair and injurious to the Filipino people.

"I am not certain what the President refers to," said Mr. Sayre. "The United States has always been mindful of the best interests of the Philippines when considering trade agreements, all of which contain specific reference to the Philippines."

The "Manila Bulletin" also commented on President Quezon's reference to alleged injustices of the present economic relationship between America and the Philippines.

"President Quezon's hint that there are restrictions against the Philippines in finding new markets abroad," the paper said, "does not check with the policy of the United States in assisting the Philippines wherever possible to develop an independent economy.

### Enterprise Not Treaties

"Enterprise is the chief requirement for building-up foreign trade—not treaties. If the Philippines develop things to sell, there is no need to worry regarding trade treaties and other sorts of artificial regulation."

Leaders of the Philippine Civic League, which favours continued Philippine protection under the American flag, said President Quezon apparently believes that the United States will oppose future Philippine demands including the right to approve a constitution, the right to deal with political matters and direct the Philippines' own economic life.

"It is now up to our friends in America," said Sr. Araneta, "to convince the American people of the plausibility of a new arrangement on the basis defined by President Quezon."

The wisdom of Philippine independence in 1946, he said, depends on the ability of the Philippines to defend themselves. He pointed out that President Quezon "admits that we cannot be expected to defend ourselves against major aggression for the next 25 or 30 years."—United Press.

# Japanese Cabinet Has Hard Task

## Budget May Be Rock on Which Government May Be Wrecked

Tokyo, Apr. 1.

The Yonai Cabinet, which has successfully passed through the Diet, is now expected to devote its full capacity to the execution of its promised policies along the line of the settlement of the China Incident.

The extent of the political ability of the Cabinet, according to observers, is expected to be indicated in connection with the compilation of a working budget, based on the actual cost and availability of materials, funds and labour, for the 1940-41 financial year, in about April or May.

Among the major political matters confronting the Government are the following:

1. Extension of recognition to the Wang Ching-wei régime in China;
2. Adjustment of relations with third Powers interested in China;
3. Perfection of Japan's wartime economic system; and
4. Compilation of a working budget for the coming financial year.

### Commodity Prices

In connection with the third item, importance is attached to the questions of commodity prices, increased production and supply of war materials and daily necessities.

The Commodity Price Council is expected to be formed in a few days. The real functions of the body are being closely watched.

Observers point out the difficulty in adjusting the Government's low-price policy with its expansion of production programme.

The supply of rice, coal, charcoal, fertilizers, and other important materials is likely to be greatly affected by the manner in which the Government plans to exercise its control over those necessities.

The popularity of the present Government among the people will to be determined largely by the result of such control.

The Government so far has refrained from giving any indications as to its policy for the compilation of a working budget.

### Budget Questions

Observers are of the opinion that the compilation of a working budget is inevitable and that the army and navy budgets will necessarily be affected.

Objection to the compilation of a working budget is expected from some quarters and there is likelihood that the Government will face serious political difficulty in compiling it. It is even admitted that that question will be a deciding factor in the fate of the Yonai Cabinet.

Among the political questions not directly connected with the China Emergency are those relating to the national spiritual mobilization movement, and revision of the system governing the appointment and discharge of Government officials.

The Premier, Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, and his Cabinet colleagues so far have avoided committing themselves on those issues.—Reuter.

# *Partition of India Proposed*

New Delhi, Apr. 1.

Mr. Mohammed Ali Jinnah, president of the All India Muslim League, announced today that he had invited Mr. Mohandas Karanchand Gandhi, the Hindu nationalist leader, to discuss the partition of India into Moslem and Hindu states. He said it was useless for India to criticize Britain for her slowness in granting India independence if India leaders failed to present practical independence plans. — United Press.

# Foreign Loans to China Noted

## Nanking Regime Will Take Responsibility When Peace Restored

Nanking, Apr. 1.

Measures for the servicing of foreign loans contracted by China previous to March 30 will be undertaken by the reorganized "National Government," Mr. Chou Fo-hai, Minister of Finance, announced here yesterday in outlining an eight-point economic programme.

Steps to prevent an outflow of Chinese funds as a consequence of the habitual excess of imports over exports would also be taken by the Ministry in co-operation with other governmental agencies, he added. This action would be taken to better the economic status of the Chinese people.

The eight-point programme announced by Mr. Chou provides for a stabilization of currency, the maintenance of national credit, a readjustment of taxation, the lessening of the people's burdens, the attraction of capital, a readjustment of trade, regulation of the people's livelihood, and assistance to production.

### Currency Unification

In undertaking the stabilization of currency, Mr. Chou stated, measures would be taken to unify the various currencies now in circulation.

The servicing of Chinese domestic loans, he continued, would be resumed after complete peace was re-established.

A reduction of various miscellaneous taxes, the attraction of capital by encouraging investments of funds now remaining idle, a better distribution of commodities and the rehabilitation of farming communities would also be sought, he added. —Domei.

# New Shipping Law For Sweden

## Permission Required Before Sailing

Stockholm, Apr. 1.

A new law, which comes into force today, forbids all Swedish ships of over 350 tons to leave port in future without the permission of the Maritime Commission.

A similar restriction is also placed on Swedish freighters, between 100 and 350 tons, sailing between Sweden and foreign countries, as well as freighters below 350 tons, sailing between foreign ports.—Reuter.

# Soong Sisters Reach Chungking

## Mme. Sun Yat-sen's First Visit to Capital

Chungking, Apr. 1.

"The three Soong sisters," Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Madame H. H. Kung and Madame Sun Yat-sen, arrived at Chungking yesterday morning by air from Hongkong.

This is the first visit of Madame Sun Yat-sen, widow of the founder of the Kuomintang, to the war-time capital.

Particular significanec is attached to her visit, since the trip has been made just at the time of the establishment of the new central régime at Nanking. This, according to Chinese circles, proves her opposition to Mr. Wang Ching-wei's peace movement.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek returned to Chungking after a stay of nearly two months in Hongkong, where she underwent medical treatment for sinus trouble.—Reuter.

# Two Japanese Deported From Canton

## Alleged to Have Been Vice Den Frequenters

Canton, Apr. 1.

As an example to others, two Japanese nationals have been deported from Canton, according to a local report.

One of these is said to have been a frequenter of gambling houses, despite a recent regulation that Japanese are not allowed to visit any vice dens, and the other is alleged to have been guilty of smuggling.

Meanwhile, owing to the increasing number of undesirables returning to Canton, the Japanese authorities have instituted close examination of all Chinese filtering into Canton from the interior by lorries.

It is reported that in future a Chinese entering the city from the country must possess a "good citizen" certificate from their village authorities.—Reuter.

# Gen. Abe Installed As Special Envoy

Tokyo, Apr. 1.

Gen. Mobuyuki Abe, former Premier, today was invested by the Emperor with the office of envoy extraordinary and ambassador plenipotentiary to represent Japan at the official celebrations observing the inauguration of the "National Government of China" in Nanking later this month.

By imperial wish, Gen. Abe will receive the treatment accorded a State Minister while on his mission. He will outrank all Japanese officials in China.

The investiture was carried out in the Palace this morning. Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, Premier, attended. —Domei.

# Yuzoslav Banker in London

London, Apr. 1.

Dr. Evo Belin, Vice-Governor of the National Bank of Yugoslavia, arrived in London today. He is to confer with British Government officials regarding trade relations between the two countries and problems raised by the present Allied blockade against Germany.—Havas.

# Anglo-Japan Ties Emphasized

## Similarity Of Positions Emphasized in Journal; Craigie Speech Supported

Tokyo, Apr. 1.

The analogy between the British and Japanese positions in their respective world spheres, drawn by Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador to Japan, in an address last Thursday, was editorially supported by the "Japan Times" here today.

In his address, Sir Robert remarked that Japan and Britain are two maritime powers on the fringe of continents and stated that, although "methods may differ, both countries are ultimately striving for lasting peace and the preservation of their institutions from extraneous subversive influences."

"It is quite true," remarked the "Japan Times," "that just as we are on the fringe of the Asiatic continent, so we are vitally concerned with events on that continent. We are striving there for lasting peace and preservation of our institutions from 'extraneous subversive forces'."

### Peace the Ideal

Asserting that the campaign in China will be futile unless all efforts were devoted to the cause of peace, on a continent which had known little peace in modern times, the paper added that it was also the Japanese objective to preserve the institutions from external disturbances, as Sir Robert declared Britain was doing in Europe.

While it was not clear to the paper what was meant by "extraneous subversive influences" from the British standpoint, the "Japan Times" pointed out that the allusion could mean only one thing in the case of Japan. These influences emanate from the Communist international, said the paper, declaring that Communism can never be compatible with Japan's national policy. The new order emerging in China under Japanese auspices was dedicated to the destruction of communist forces and the re-establishment of peace, the "Japan Times" declared.

### Against Communism

Communist activities in Great Britain have never thrived and the Island Empire has always effectively suppressed red infiltration, commented the "Japan Times."

It was quite possible, the paper said, that the Ambassador was alluding to the Soviet Union when he spoke of the "subversive influences."

While in the Far East Japan had presented a united front with Germany and Italy against communism, in Europe, Britain, which is disposed to be anti-communist, is at war with Germany. This apparent contradictory situation is due largely to peculiar conditions in the west, the "Japan Times" explained.

The unswerving attitude of Japan toward anti-communism will be maintained until all Japanese institutions are made safe from Communism, the paper said.—Domei.

# Clipper Movements

Manila, Apr. 1.

Pan-American Airways' Philippine Clipper, which arrives here today, will take off on its return flight to San Francisco on Friday, it was announced today. The plane, which is to arrive in San Francisco on April 10, will fly to Hongkong from here tomorrow. The Honolulu Clipper is expected here Saturday and will begin its return flight to San Francisco on April 10. The China Clipper is expected here next Monday and will return to America on April 12. —United Press.

# *3,500 War Planes Ordered From U.S.*

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

New York, Apr. 1.

Orders for 3,500 war planes, costing over £62,000,000, are said to have been placed in the United States by the Anglo-French Purchasing Commission. —Reuter.

# Mr. Suma Surprised at M. Molotov

## Japanese Territorial Claims "Very Modest"

Tokyo, Apr. 1.

Mr. Yakichiro Suma, spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Office, today characterized as "surprising" the remark made by M. Viacheslav Molotov, Foreign Commissar in Moscow on Friday that "extremely impracticable" Japanese proposals had been responsible for the failure of the Soviet-Manchoukuo border negotiations. The Japanese territorial claims, he said, had been "very modest."

The Soviet Government, Mr. Suma continued, had accepted as a basis of discussion the Japanese draft agreement for the establishment of border demarcation and border dispute of settlement commissions. Following several conversations, the negotiations had reached a final stage in their pourparlers, but no final word had been forthcoming from Moscow for two months.

He said there was "no reason imaginable" for such a delay.—Domei.

# Twelfth Soviet Republic To Be Created

## Ceded Areas of Finland To Make New State

Moscow, Mar. 31.

The Soviet Supreme Council today voted the creation of the twelfth, Karelo-Finnish Federated Soviet Republic.

The new republic includes the one-time autonomous Karelian Republic and other territories ceded to Russia by the Soviet-Finnish peace pact, these comprising the whole of the Karelian Isthmus with the towns of Viborg, Attrea, Koksholm, the left shores of Lake Ladoga with the towns Sortavala and Suojaervi and, in the north, Kuolojaervi. The strip of land flanking the former Soviet border near Leningrad is included directly within the Soviet Russian republic.

Creation of the Karelo-Finnish Republic was proposed by Commissar Jdanoff.—Havas.

# Persecution of Poles In Warsaw Continues

Paris, Mar. 31.

Persecution of the Polish population, particularly the Jews, is continuing in Poland, official P.A.T. (Polish) news agency asserted today in a special report. The German authorities of occupation daily arrest so many Poles that all the prisons are full to overflowing, the agency added. So many people have been cast into jail and the courts are so busy that many of those who were arrested soon after the German occupation last year have yet to be formally charged with the offences of which they are accused.—Havas.

# Burglars Steel Golf Gear at Race Course

## Pavilion Entered by Night; Renters to Check Loss

Thefts from the golf pavilion at the Race Course ground by burglars who broke into the place during Sunday night or early yesterday morning were discovered by Chinese servants at about 6 a.m. yesterday. The burglars had gained entry by breaking a window and had stolen a quantity of golf clubs and, perhaps, other property.

As it could not be stated with any degree of certainty yesterday exactly what had been stolen, locker renters are asked to visit the pavilion as early as possible in order to determine if any of their gear is missing. A notice requesting the co-operation of the locker renters in this respect has been issued by Mr. L. J. Hughes, secretary of the Recreation Ground Committee of Management.

# Floods in Scattered U. S. Areas

New York, Apr. 1.

Thousands of Americans abandoned their homes yesterday as floods swept through scattered areas of New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and California. Property damage, especially to crops, was reported to be heavy, but the flood waters were expected to recede today.

Five deaths were reported in California as a result of the floods and two were dead in West Virginia and one in New York. Damage to crops was heavy in northern California where 200,000 acres of low-lying farm lands were under water.

The American Red Cross, which set up relief stations in the hardest hit areas, advised thousands to leave their homes yesterday before the floods reached their climax.—United Press.

# I.R.A. Men Seized in Act of Drilling

Dublin, Apr. 1.

Soldiers and police yesterday raided Saint Anne's estate and arrested fifteen members of the outlawed Irish Republican Army while they were in the act of drilling.

Members of the I.R.A. circulated handbills declaring, "Stop This Murder!" The pamphlets protested against the treatment being given seven political prisoners who are now in their 37th day of a hunger strike. Defying a police order, an I.R.A. pirate radio station in Belfast warned that alleged attacks on I.R.A. prisoners in Londonderry "must cease or the I.R.A. will take swift and drastic reprisals."—United Press.

# 200,000 at Funeral Of Mr. Savage

## Catholic and Maori Rites Observed

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Auckland, N.Z., Apr. 1.

The funeral of the late Prime Minister, Mr. M. J. Savage, took place in the presence of over 200,000 people. Roman Catholic and Maori rites were observed at the ceremony. —Reuter.

### Thousands Pay Tribute

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Wellington, N.Z., Apr. 1.

Huge crowds yesterday paid tribute to New Zealand's late Prime Minister, Mr. M. J. Savage, in the most impressive funeral procession Wellington has seen. More than 5,000 people took part in the procession through the streets to the railway, whence the coffin was taken to Auckland for internment today. One hundred thousand people lined the route of procession.—Reuter.

# Shanghai-Canton Air Mail Service Inaugurated

Air mail service between Shanghai and Canton became available yesterday as a twice-a-week schedule was inaugurated by the joint Sino-Japanese China Aviation Co., the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported.

Canton-bound aeroplanes will leave Shanghai on Mondays and Thursdays, while planes from Canton will leave the southern city on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Postal charges will be 30 cents for letters according to Chinese Post Office regulations. Mails will close the night before the aeroplanes leave.

# Japanese Consular Office Opened at Hsinpu

Tokyo, Apr. 1.

With Mr. Motoshi Murakami, a Foreign Office secretary in charge, a branch of the Japanese Consulate at Hsuchow was opened on Friday at Hsinpu, Kiangsu province, the Foreign Office announced today.—Domei.

# Italian Envoy to Leave Tokyo for Shanghai

Tokyo, Apr. 1.

Sig. Giacinto Auriti, Italian Ambassador to Japan, will leave here at 3 o'clock on Wednesday by train for Shanghai en route home.

He will embark on an Italian liner in Shanghai.—Domei.


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## S.M.C. ELECTION

The announcement that the Japanese Election Committee proposes to put forward five Japanese candidates for election to the Shanghai Municipal Council will make this year's election the most important one ever held in the history of Shanghai. The straight issue is being put before the ratepayers of Shanghai as to whether the Japanese through an increase of their own numbers and the influence they may be able to bring to bear upon the Chinese members shall secure complete control of the Municipal Administration. For many years past there has been agreement amongst the three principal foreign communities in Shanghai that the foreign members of the Council shall consist of five British, two American and two Japanese. In recent times, because of the growth of the number of Japanese residents in Shanghai, there have been demands that the Japanese representation shall be increased. Such a movement was to be noticed last year when there was much discussion as to whether the Japanese would put up at least one more candidate, but fortunately the matter was held over until a later date. With the nomination of five candidates for election, the position with which the ratepayers will be faced on election day is that they will have to select their Council from amongst twelve candidates. It must be stated at the outset that there can be no question as to the right of the Japanese to put up as many candidates as they choose. There is nothing whatever to suggest that they cannot do so, and the fact has to be faced that they are making a determined attempt to secure what they consider to be their due as numerically the largest foreign community in the International Settlement. Should the Japanese succeed in electing all their candidates the position would be that the present international complexion of the Municipal Council would be very considerably altered, and in this connection it is interesting to note that Mr. Yukichi Hayashi, chairman of the Japanese Election Committee, speaks of this present development as a purely transitional one, paving the way for the ultimate formation of a council on broader international lines.

While it is possible to sympathize with the Japanese desire for greater representation on the Council, the argument that this can be completely justified merely by numbers is not likely to prove acceptable all round. Shanghai has been built up by Occidental effort. The enormous interests of Britain and America vastly exceed those of the Japanese, as does also the amount of rates they pay, and it is clear that the equity of the whole matter cannot, therefore, be decided upon the basis of numbers alone. The predominance of Occidental interests requires that they shall have a considerable, though not predominating say, —which they do not even now possess on the Council as at present constituted,—in the administration of the affairs of this Settlement, and a complete *bouleversement* of the present situation is not likely to be productive of the best results. It would have been preferable if it had been possible to arrange matters by negotiation. This does not appear to have been the case, and it is only to be expected that the British and American ratepayers, and indeed all those who wish to preserve the maintenance of the *status quo*, until the question of representation on the Council can be discussed in a better atmosphere, will have to make up their minds as to what they will do. They will be well advised to sink whatever differences they may have on the subject of Council affairs, and to see that every possible vote is polled in support of the Occidental candidates, for it is only by voting for the five British and two American candidates only, and no others, that there is a chance that the *status quo* can be maintained. Even then the contest will prove a close one, for it is only by polling practically the whole of the occidental vote that it can be hoped to maintain the present composition of the Council. The ratepayers have the matter in their own hands, and if they fail to do their duty as ratepayers they cannot hope to escape the consequences of the substantial growth in the number of Japanese residents.

The Japanese Election Committee have acted shrewdly in the choice of the men they have put forward as candidates. All five men are well-known and liked in the other foreign communities, and in other circumstances would undoubtedly attract considerable support. But the Japanese have forced the issue, and it is clear that the voting will be between community and community, in what may be a most imposing trial of strength. It will be realized that if the British and American as well as other ratepayers will be strongly urged to vote along the lines which are obvious, it will be because of no disapproval on personal grounds of any one of the Japanese candidates, for of their complete suitability there cannot be the slightest question. The point which has now become involved is one of principle. The British, American and other foreign communities not Japanese, owe it a duty to themselves to see that representation on the Council is in accordance with the size and importance of their interests in the port. The stake which they have is a large one, and while it is not suggested for one moment that a Japanese dominated council would willingly adopt any policy calculated to harm those interests, a greater feeling of security would be created if at any rate for the time being those interests were not deprived of the protection which the present ratio of representation undoubtedly gives them. British and American ratepayers have a very definite duty before them. There is no guarantee that the three extra seats which the Japanese desire to obtain would of necessity be wrested only from the British. The American position is just as much at stake as is the British, and the whole issue now is one as to whether the occidentals shall maintain their present representation on the Council, or whether it shall become predominantly Oriental. The poll will decide that, and it is incumbent upon every voter to see that his suffrage is recorded. That the Japanese will do so may, with their organization, be taken for granted.

## Under The Hat

Great efforts are being made by those who are running this war to keep everything secret; the jibe has, in fact, been made that special ministries, miscalled cruelly so as to deceive the public, have been created for the purpose. The fault, if it is a fault, lies not only with the Allies. On the German side the misinformation ministries have no legal existence, but they operate with more than devil-may-care *elan*. No sooner does the Admiralty in London announce the sinking of a British or neutral vessel by mine or submarine, than the super-efficient department operating under the supervision of Dr. Goebbels announces it, too. Without the assistance of the British Admiralty they would have known nothing at all about it. It is usually considered an obligation in the propagation of news to acknowledge the source from which it comes. And therefore Dr. Goebbels is guilty of another breach of etiquette when he declares that so-and-so has been sunk in the North Sea and does not credit the Admiralty with the information. But this, except that it happens to be a fact, is not likely to worry the Wilhelmstrasse. The so-called brains of that district must be too busy trumping up good stories for home consumption to have time to pay attention to things which are actually happening. For a small man, Dr. Goebbels deserves, in the words of the dramatic critic, "special mention" for his tall stories. It might be interesting to see what a man with his talent for misrepresentation could do in the Far East. Such a development might prove a pleasant change to those whose daily duty it is to plough through a pile of "wishful thinking" and sift out of it that which is partially credible. But this is by way of being an "aside." When the principal actors appear upon the screen and, in connection with the war in Europe, it is possible to report with truth that the "old squire's daughter" has again been "foully murdered in the wood," it is probable that the tempo of publicity or propaganda will change. Until that happens, mum's the word. It is essential that every man keeps everything he knows or thinks he knows under his hat. And so far as the Nazis are concerned the advice might also be applied to their heads.

## A German Gaffe

Whatever Germany intends to do regarding the spread of the war in Europe, there is not the slightest doubt that the Nazis intend to expand their propaganda war, for they have in fact already done so by the publication of a White Paper purporting to reproduce reports of conversations alleged to have been held between Polish and United States' diplomats during the last few years. In effect the whole scheme is to endeavour to lay some blame for the war upon American diplomats, on the old principle that it does not matter who is blamed so long as it is not Germany. The move will fail. Some six months have elapsed since Warsaw and the archives of the Polish Foreign Office fell into the hands of the Germans, and to suggest that it took all that time merely to collate documents already in existence for the purposes of publication is to suggest something which will most definitely not be believed. Rather will opinion turn to the idea that so long a period might easily have been necessary rather for their fabrication, than for their editing. An authorized source in Berlin is quoted as saying the publication of this White Paper, revealing President Roosevelt's sympathy for the Democracies, "is probably a great joke on Roosevelt." That may be the view held by the Nazis, though doubtless the greater portion of public opinion throughout the world will regard it as a typical piece of simian mischief. The idea that the whole thing was designed solely for domestic consumption cannot, of course, be wholly disregarded, though if that is accepted it demonstrates the clumsiness of the German propaganda machine which has thus gone out of its way to show the unenlightened German masses that their Government is condemned by the United States and that that nation stands before them as a potential enemy. If that is done for the purpose of proving to the German people the desperation of their position, and thus stir them to accept even greater sacrifices than are even now demanded of them, it may have some value, though significantly enough it also lays a basis for explaining away eventual defeat. The manner in which publication of the White Paper was received in the United States is significant of the contempt in which German propaganda is held in that country. The New York "Herald Tribune" describes the manœuvre as a clumsy error calculated to cause resentment at the Reich's impertinence in seeking to intervene in American domestic affairs. That puts the whole matter in a nutshell. If by the publication of this document it was sought to sow division amongst the Americans, and thus prejudice President Roosevelt's chances of re-election should he choose to run for a third term of office, it is unlikely to succeed, for if the people of the United States are quick to resent anything it is any attempted interference in their own domestic matters. Much has already been written in the United States of the failure of the German propaganda machine to understand the American character. In this war as in the last there is being displayed the same lack of originality, the same thinking in identical grooves, complete absence of tact—as if that could be expected of the Prussian-minded Nazi—and complete failure to realize that all the world does not think like the Nazis do.

## Contraband Control

Contraband control, part of the work of the British Ministry of Economic Warfare, has received much attention owing to the number of vessels intercepted and cargoes examined. Extension of German blockade-running activities to the Pacific, where large purchases of materials, especially oil, rubber and cotton, have been made is likely to bring this sphere of the Ministry's activities into even more prominence as the system operated in European waters has now been regularized. Results of this keen detection on war supplies which might conceivably reach Germany have been published from time to time in terms of hundreds of thousands of tons of cargo intercepted, but in the working of this system it is not so well-known that in most cases which end in the contraband control officers boarding detained vessels the manifest has often been under consideration long before the vessel reaches the control base. It is obvious that Germany had planned a long way ahead methods of running goods in neutral vessels through the anticipated British blockade, and therefore the process of examination becomes all the more lengthy. All the details of consignors and consignees must be examined for some names are covers for firms with well-known German connections. If there are among the consignments goods in which Germany is deficient and of which the neutral country of destination has imported its usual figure then there is an *a priori* suspicion that the consignments will find their way to Germany. Refined copper and molybdenum supplies on the Soviet ship bound for Vladivostok but intercepted by the British navy apparently fall within this category. Statistical evidence alone does not always determine a seizure, but great care must be taken in such a case to observe the disposal of the consignment at its destination. Preliminary investigation may show, on the other hand, that certain commodities are unlikely to be re-exported, and certain governments, to maintain their own legitimate supplies, prohibit some re-exports but re-exports are possibly under the terms of a special licence. All this work of detection is naturally lightened if neutral consignors make full use of "naviceerts" as commercial passports for their cargoes. When preliminary enquiries have been made the case of the ship comes before the Contraband Committee which meets daily. In some cases, further enquiries are made with British representatives abroad to ascertain the standing of various consignors and consignees for it is only natural that with a war boom in neutral countries increased exports may be needed for manufacturing purposes. Side by side with this part of the Ministry's economic campaign is the control of German exports for Hitler himself declared that "Germany must export or die," and the stoppage of German exports is now beginning to take full effect. This, of course, reduces Germany's supply of foreign exchange needed for expenditure abroad for imports and propaganda work. Therefore, statistics are no sure guide to the success of the Ministry's work. Germany's most important losses may well consist of cargoes never shipped, or applications for "naviceerts" which are refused.

## *DUSTMEN'S PIG CLUB*

### Forty Animals Fed on Household Waste

In the middle of Tottenham Borough's cleansing depot, four miles or so from Charing Cross, is a one-storey building with the words "Adolf's Kindergarten" painted over the door. Inside are 40 grunting, guzzling, young pigs, the property of the borough's dustmen. They are owned through the Employees' Pig Club, which was begun on £100 of the surplus funds of the men's canteen, together with 300 15s. shares. The men built the piggery according to approved design, bought their 40 Large Whites, and then Mr. H. Gurney, the department's superintendent and originator of the club, said, "There you are, lads; they've to be fed." It was the dustmen themselves who asked certain of Tottenham's 30,000 householders to save kitchen and table waste, other than greenstuffs, in separate containers. The dustmen collect it with the bins, but keep it separate from other refuse; it is boiled for an hour by waste steam from the plant that burns rubbish. The members of the club take it in turns to feed the swill to the pigs, to clean the sties, and to do other maintenance work. Like most other boroughs, Tottenham used to destroy the kitchen waste at a cost of 6s. a ton. The pig club gets the money for the first five tons of surplus swill sold each week; the rest goes to the borough funds. So far the material for swill is coming from relatively few houses, but now the Cleansing Department is sending out a circular to all householders and expects to be able to make 25 to 30 tons a week.

**Separate Cleansing Department**

Ever since Tottenham gave its borough cleansing to a separate department six years ago it has been one of the foremost local authorities in the separation and economic disposal of refuse. Perhaps more important than the experiment with pigs is the fact that Tottenham has discovered that other refuse than that which makes swill is of value to farmers.

Before the war it sold to brick-makers the refuse that would go through a three-quarter-inch mesh. Now, since the interruption of the ouilding industry it has discovered that farmers will use it to break up ground and regard the finer dust as a good mineral fertilizer. The borough gets 1s. a ton for its 300 tons a week of such refuse. Tottenham is sending some of the dust to the Rothamstead Research Station for an expert opinion on its fertilizing properties, but the farmers seem to have no doubts.

The borough already makes some £180 to £200 a week from the sale of clean waste-paper, rags, broken and unbroken bottles, and other waste. It has just closed a deal by which it sells its dirty waste-paper for the making of linoleum and roofing felt. All this is more than a war-time effort; it is a pointer to how we can save in the lean post-war period. And half the battle is to get householders to do the initial separating of household waste.

## *IN PARENTHESIS*

**Uniform**

At the party they were talking about war work.' One woman said she was on munitions and they worked in shifts.

Another woman said she also was on munitions but they worked in overalls.

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**Worrying**

The small timid girl was being introduced to the farmer's dog, a fearsome looking but kindly disposed animal.

"Ooh," she cried; "he will eat me."

"No, he won't," said the farmer. "He doesn't want to eat you."

"But he does," said the little girl, as the dog began to lick her affectionately. "Look! He's tasting me already."

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**Stowaway**

An inspector, boarding a bus, was astounded to find the conductor sitting at ease, smoking, while a flustered passenger was dashing about collecting fares.

"What do you think you're doing?" he roared; "sitting there and a passenger doing your work."

"That's O.K.," said the conductor, an ex-seaman. "He's a stowaway I found on board, and as he can't pay his fare I'm making him work his passage."

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**Leg Pull**

Among the wounded soldiers to appear before he invaliding board was one who had lost a leg.

"What's the matter with you?" asked one of he examining officers, from force of habit.

The one-legged man looked a little surprised. Then, with a perfectly straight face, he quietly replied:

"I'm not sure, sir, but I think it's my hearing that's bad."

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**Gulled!**

"Why didn't you report those two pieces of wood floating by?" the submarine officer demanded of the look-out. "There might have been a submarine's periscope in between them."

Half an hour later the look-out reported to he commander: "Two seagulls off the starboard bow, sir!"

"What the devil do you want to report that for?" asked the commander.

"There might have been an aeroplane in between them, sir," was the reply.

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**The Limit**

The midget had obtained a job in a factory, but at the end of the first week he gave notice. The foreman wanted to know why.

"It's like this," said the midget. "One of the first questions my mates asked was how tall I was. I told them exactly two feet high."

"Well," returned the foreman, "why should you want to leave? Didn't you like the question?"

"Oh, I don't mind the question!" was the reply. "But I do object to being picked up every five minutes and used for a two-foot rule!"

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**Captive Spirit!**

A wealthy officer gave his company a dinner before leaving for the Front. There was an abundance of everything, so after a few speeches, he said:

"Now men, I hope you will do justice to what is in front of you; in fact, treat it as you would the enemy."

As it was nearing a close, he noticed a man putting a bottle of whisky in his pocket. Going up to him he said, "What is the meaning of this?"

"Well sir," said the man, "you told us to treat it as we would the enemy, so what we can't kill we take prisoner."

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**Great Squeeze**

The men in the canteen were "trying their strength," and a sergeant seized an orange, squeezed the juice out of it with one hand, and threw it on the table.

"There you are, lads," he chuckled. "Let's see you get some more juice out of *that!*"

Several tried, but without success. Finally, a weedy, middle-aged soldier advanced, picked up the orange in one hand, and gripped it lightly.

To everybody's astonishment, more juice fairly squirted out.

"Lumme, mate," exclaimed the sergeant, "what are you in private life—a circus strong man?"

"No," answered the weedy one, "an income-tax collector!"

# Five Japanese Named For Council

### Election Necessary With 12 Candidates For 9 Foreign Vacancies: Japanese Demand Larger Representation : Nomination Day Today

PROSPECTS of a competitive election for membership of the Shanghai Municipal Council were confirmed yesterday. While the British and American communities selected their candidates by straw vote to fill the traditional apportionment of national representation, the Japanese community election committee announced that five candidates would stand for election. At present, the number of Japanese councillors is two.

The announcement was made by Mr. Yukichi Hayashi, Chairman of the committee, who added that the Japanese community did not "propose to adhere to the five councillors forever." The British have selected five candidates and the Americans two and therefore, at present, there are 12 candidates for the nine foreign vacancies on the Council. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Secretary and Commissioner-General by noon today, and the election will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, April 10 and 11. The annual meeting of ratepayers will be held at the Shanghai Race Club (Public Stand) on April 17, and the new Council will meet thereafter.

The five Japanese candidates named by the Japanese election committee are as follow:

**Mr. Yutaro Hanawa, manager of the Shanghai branch of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha;**

**Mr. Issaku Okamoto, former Japanese Consul-General in Singapore and recently appointed director of the Japanese Cotton Millowners' Association in China;**

**Mr. Otoichi Okamoto, barrister-at-law, member of the Murakami Law Office;**

**Mr. Makoto Den, vice-president of the Central China Railways Company;**

**Mr. Keitaro Kuroda, chairman of the board of directors of the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Company.**

#### 70,000 Japanese Residents

In announcing the nomination of these candidates, Mr. Hayashi pointed out that the number of Japanese residents in Shanghai had reached 70,000.

"As a result," he continued, "the number of Japanese ratepayers in the International Settlement has exceeded the 3,000 mark, placing them at the top of such national groups. They exceed the 2,800 British ratepayers who are now represented by five councillors. Therefore, it is only natural we should seek to elect five instead of two Japanese concillors," he added.

"The Japanese aim lies in discarding the dictatorship of any one specific national group in municipal affairs so that the administration of the International Settlement may be carried out in a truly international manner.

"Our purpose is to enable the various nationalities represented among the residents of the International Settlement to take part in its administration on a just and equitable basis. We propose to re-examine the organization and the finances of the Municipal Council so as to place the affairs of the International Settlement upon a firm and lasting foundation in order to promote the welfare of those residing there. We are not aiming at a monopoly of the administration of the Settlement in our hands," Mr. Hayashi asserted.

The nomination of five candidates, Mr. Hayashi continued, was "a transitory measure required to destroy the existing abnormal state of affairs, so that the Japanese ideal of a truly international administration of the Settlement may be attained.

#### Will Not Adhere to Five

"We do not propose to adhere strictly to the number of five councillors forever," he added. The Japanese ideal, Mr. Hayashi explained, was to achieve a revision of the "anachronistic" Land Regulations so that more than the present nine councillors may be elected, thereby allowing "all nationalities in the Settlement justly, and equitably to take part in municipal administration."

"Should it be impossible to achieve this objective at once, we propose to see that the representation on the Council shall be as just and as international as possible. But before even this aim may be attained, the Japanese must have a bigger voice in the conduct of Council affairs," he said.

#### British Candidates

The five British candidates who were selected by straw vote from a list of seven nominees by British ratepayers last month are:

**Mr. George Arthur Haley, Managing Director of Imperial Chemical Industries (China) Ltd.**

**Mr. William Johnston Keswick, Managing Director of Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.**

**Mr. George Edward Mitchell, Manager of Butterfield & Swire.**

**Mr. Roderick George MacDonald, Manager of Dodwell & Co.**

**Mr. Trevor Sidney Powell, Manager of the Asiatic Petroleum Co.**

#### American Candidates

As a result of primary elections in the American Community in Shanghai the following two men were selected from a list of three candidates to stand for the municipal elections:

**Mr. J. W. Carney, Assistant General Manager of the Standard Vacuum Oil Co.**

**Mr. N. F. Allman, attorney-at-law, of the firm of Allman, Davies & Kops.**

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# German Artillery Very Active

### Preliminary to Major Operation Foreseen on Saar, Vosges Sectors

Paris, Apr. 1.

German artillery continued violent shelling of French lines yesterday and the German command launched numerous raiding parties in the Saar and Vosges sectors in manœuvres which experts under ordinary war conditions would regard as a prelude to a large-scale attack.

French and British planes reconnoitered over Germany, flying over areas deep in the country, it was announced today. German planes flew over northwest France and over Scapa Flow in Britain.

French war dispatches said last night that Allied artillery had replied to the German bombardment on Sunday and had trapped two German raiding parties near a French outpost. Nine Germans were killed and many others were taken prisoners, the reports said.

Villages in the Vosges sector were heavily shelled by German batteries whose fire was directed by fifteen German planes. A French High Command communique last night said there had been unusual activity by the air forces of both sides on the Western Front.—United Press.

#### Planes Over Belgium

Brussels, Apr. 1.

Many foreign aeroplanes flew over Belgium this morning. One was identified as a German, another as a British machine.—Reuter.

#### R.A.F. Disables Raider

London, Apr. 1.

A German raider was caught napping by a British fighter over the North Sea yesterday. The fighter dived, attacking at the same time. The German craft was last seen flying low, and in a disabled condition.

A British plane was badly damaged by German anti-aircraft fire over Oldenburg, the official German news agency claims. The machine is believed to have landed on the German coast. Search parties are looking for it.—Reuter.

#### Nazis Attack Dutch Ships

Amsterdam, Apr. 1.

A wave of bitterness and indignation has swept over Holland, following the latest attacks by German planes on Dutch fishing boats.

In addition to the sinking of the Protinus (202 tons) recently, it is learned that two other Ymuiden trawlers, the Isgreid, and the Vikingbank (335 tons), were attacked by German aircraft in the North Sea on the evening of March 28. Both attacks, however, were said to have failed.—Reuter.

#### Air Activity at Front

Paris, Apr. 1.

"There has been fairly intense activity on the part of both air forces," states the latest French war communique issued here yesterday. —Reuter.

#### German Communiques

Berlin, Apr. 1.

Seven French planes were shot down over the Western Front by German pursuit planes yesterday, the German High Command announced last night. Thirty-six French planes clashed with 25 German pursuit ships in a series of air battles along the Western Front on Sunday, the announcement said. All German planes were said to have returned to their bases safely.

The German High Command announced last night that patrol activity on the Western Front had been "lively" yesterday. "In the course of violent encounters," the communique said, "prisoners were taken. We captured an enemy sergeant-major and four ordinary soldiers. A machine-gun was captured in an engagement in which the enemy lost ten dead and a number wounded."—United Press.

# Britain Recognizes Chiang Kai-shek

### Hopes For Peace in China Still Entertained

London, Apr. 1.

The British Government will not withdraw its diplomatic recognition of General Chiang Kai-shek's Government, nor will it give recognition to Mr. Wang Ching-wei's Government, says the political correspondent of the "Daily Express."

This, however, does not mean that there is hostility towards Mr. Wang's Government. If there is any prospect of a move which may end the Sino-Japanese conflict on fair terms British diplomats will co-operate.

It is regarded as possible, the correspondent declares, that the establishment of the new Government will soon lead to peace moves by Japan. —Reuter.

# Moscow Policy Disappointing Berlin Hopes

### Italy Suspicious of Soviet Opportunism; Nazi Failure Stressed

Kaunas, Mar. 31.

Berlin was disappointed by M. Viacheslav Molotoff's speech before the Supreme Council two days ago and particularly by his references to Rumania and the Bessarabia problem, the newspaper "Lietuvos Aidas" said today. The Hitlerian project for a three-way split-up of Balkan zones of influence by Germany, Italy and Russia has failed to date, the newspaper added, but Berlin may send a high official to Moscow to revive it.

Although the Wilhelmstrasse's organ "Politische und Dipomatische Korrespondenz," declared that M. Molotoff's speech caused only satisfaction in Berlin, it was pointed out here that neutral observers gained a far different impression of the situation. Stability in Rumania is of great importance to Germany, who relies for oil and grain supplies on the south-eastern kingdom. If Russia were to press the Bessarabian issue, this stability would be upset.—Havas.

#### Italian Opinion

Rome, Mar. 31.

First Italian press comment on the Molotoff speech was published in the influential "La Stampa" today. This newspaper, one of the big organs of the country, asserted the speech merely reflected M. Josef Stalin's imperialist ambitions and his opportunism.

"The Molotoff declarations," it declared, "were full of impetuous phrases but nevertheless, basically, circumspect and ambiguous, bringing out into the light that, since September last, has been the attitude:—to exploit the war to the full with a view to immediate advantages, such as Poland, the Baltic and, had it been possible, points of support in Bulgaria and Turkey.

"This attitude, in the larger scope of the war, is one of realist, opportunist neutrality and of watchfulness over events. The Finnish adventure was but a phase.

"Stalin recovered his 'neutral' position as soon as it was possible and is now waiting for the progressive efforts of the belligerents to offer him the most favourable chances to realize the imperialist intentions and programme of old Russia and to try eventually to introduce Bolshevism to Europe and Asia," concluded "La Stampa."—Havas.

#### Failure of Hitler's Efforts

Berne, Mar. 31.

The torpedoing of all hopes for a German-Italian-Soviet triangle was seen throughout Switzerland today to be the main result of M. Viacheslav Molotoff's speech. Both press and political observers founded their conclusions mainly on M. Molotoff's statements regarding Italian action in Albania one year ago. The statements patently indicated that Soviet-Italian relations have by no means become friendlier of late in spite of Hitler's efforts.

#### Keen Disillusionment in Berlin

The "Basler Nachrichten" summed up the situation in the words: "Diplomatic circles in Berlin consider that M. Molotov's speech dashed all the hopes manifested at the time of the Hitler-Mussolini meeting at the Brenner Pass regarding Soviet adherence to joint engagements in south-eastern Europe."

It was particularly remarked in Swiss political quarters that the Nazi press made no mention whatever of M. Molotov's reference to Italy and Albania. Nazi leaders did allude to this question when interrogated by newspapermen, but even then evaded the point. They alleged that M. Molotov wished only to emphasize the difference between the Allies' reaction to the Albanian affair and their reaction to the Finnish conflict.

In his reference to Bessarabia, the same Nazi leaders were quoted here, M. Molotov meant no threat to Rumania. Although Soviet Russia has not abandoned her claim to the rich grain province, it does not mean the problem has become acute, the Nazis comforted inquirers.

Swiss observers noted that since M. Molotov's speech, Berlin has reassured Bucharest only with platitudes, whereas previously it spread the rumour of German mediation in Rumania's favour and even of an eventual German guarantee for Rumania.

German officials still emphasize that Soviet policy in south eastern Europe and the Near East coincides "perfectly" with the views of Germany and Italy. But their statements, according to Swiss newspaper correspondents, lack conviction.

#### Russia to Remain Aloof

These views of the Berlin correspondents of various large Swiss newpapers were reflected in commentaries printed today. "La Suisse" came to the fore with the following: "It is evident now that since she has freed herself from the burden of the war in Finland, Russia will for the time being remain as far as possible from the European War. M. Molotov's speech shows that the Kremlin is less than ever prepared to throw itself into Germany's arms."

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# Manila Chinese Consul Praises Mr. Cordell Hull's Stand

### Wang Regime in Nanking Correctly Discerned As Illegal and Rebellious, Says Spokesman

Manila, Apr. 1.

The Chinese Consul-General here, Mr. C. Kuangson Young, today paid warm tribute to the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, for his statement condemning aggression and charging Mr. Wang Ching-wei's Government at Nanking as one organized by the Japanese to violate the rights and interests of Third Powers in China. Mr. Hull also emphasized that the United States would not recognize the Wang regime.

Mr. Hull's views were "not only the correct stand for the United States Government to take but they should be that of all other governments as there is no question that the Wang Ching-wei Government is nothing but a puppet one under the Japanese militarists," Mr. Young said.

"The American stand is not only a reiteration of America's traditional friendship for China and the Chinese people but also America's adherence to international law and treaties," he added.

A Chinese Consulate spokesman said that "Wang Ching-wei's movement is a rebellion against constituted authority. It is all the more unsavoury because of its submission to the dictations of the invader and the acceptance of his financial subsidies.

"All those connected with it are not only rebels but traitors and they are treated so by all the Chinese people," he asserted.

The Chinese spokesman said that the Consulate had received no communications from Mr. Wang announcing the "return to Nanking of the Chinese Government. He pointed out that the Consulate here would completely disregard such a communication if it arrives here later.—United Press.

**Japanese Candidates for Municipal Council**

*Four of the five Japanese candidates for election to the Shanghai Municipal Council are pictured above. Mr. Makoto Den (upper left) last year was vice-president of the Central China Railway Co., and is a member of the Finance Committee of the S.M.C. Mr. Yutaro Hanawa (upper right), present member of the S.M.C., is president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and director of the Nippon Club. On the lower left is Mr. Keitaro Kurota who has served on various Council Committees and now is a member of the Education and Communications Committee of the S.M.C. Dr. Otoichi Okamoto (lower right) was elected to the Council in 1930 and served on various committees until 1935. 1938 he was again elected to the Council. The fifth candidate (not pictured) is Mr. I Okamoto, formerly Japanese Consul-General in Singapore.*

# Allies Expected to Tighten Blockade Round Reich

### Mr. Churchill's Declaration Acclaimed; Determined Action Now Anticipated

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 1.

THE speech broadcast by Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, on March 30, meets with the entire approval of newspapers of all shades of opinion. They interpret it to mean that Great Britain now intends to enforce the blockade with greater firmness.

The "Daily Telegraph" says: "There is no lack of consideration in this country for the difficulties of neutral countries. We know that they are under duress, but they have the means of defence in their hands. If the small States stood together and refused the supplies by which alone Nazism can maintain its strength in arms, they could make themselves secure. The first objective of the new Nazi offensive against them is moral paralysis. Weakness will be no defence. If neutral countries prove unequal to safeguarding themselves against the ruin of submission to Nazism, the Allies must ensure that their territory is no longer a means for an evasion of the blockade of the Reich."

The "News-Chronicle" declares: The tone and substance of Mr. Churchill's broadcast are admirable. What Great Britain wants now is to see the noose of the blockade pulled as tight as it will go."

The "Daily Herald" states: "The British people have applauded the Allied declaration and Mr. Churchill's broadcast, and now they want to see those pronouncements carried into practical effect." Continuing, the newspaper suggests that in a reconstruction of the British Cabinet, the public wants men to be chosen for their ability alone, and "most of all, the country wants to see Great Britain's seapower used ruthlessly to prevent Hitler from buying sinews of war."

The "Daily Mail" is of the opinion that the speech is a remarkable warning "to ourselves and to neutrals."

Breaches of good faith by neutral countries necessitated the adoption by the Allies of a system of rationing the imports of those countries, on the basis of pre-war trade, declared the correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph." Holland had been storing petrol far in excess of her normal demands, and much of this was reported to have been sent to Germany.—Reuter.

#### Half Nazi Trade Cut Off

New York, Apr. 1.

"The strangling effect of the Allied blockade has been underestimated in other countries, but not in Germany," says the "New York Times." "Semi-official sources in Germany admitted in February that the blockade had stopped at least 50 per cent. of Germany's foreign trade. Since the Germans admit so much, one can suspect that the true extent of damage has been greater."—Reuter.

#### Allied Blockade Policy

London, Apr. 1.

The Allies' blockade policy against Germany is to enter a new phase and will probably reach its peak of efficiency before the end of this summer, according to diplomatic circles here.

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# Another Chinese Assassinated

### Ex-Tsingtao Police Chief Said to Have Had Deals With Japanese Here

Reported to have been an important agent in business deals between Japanese and Chinese here for some time, Sung Shih-chuan, aged 46 and a native of Shaohsing, was shot and killed at his house, No. 46, Lane 504 Avenue Foch, at 8.20 o'clock yesterday morning. Two youngish Chinese, posing as having been sent by a friend of Sung's with gifts of wine, were responsible for the assassination, and escaped. Sung was Commissioner of Police at Tsingtao some fifteen years ago and had since acted for the Nationalist Government as an industrial secretary, it is reported. He had apparently not received any threatening letters or telephone calls recently.

Two men wearing long gowns and grey felt hats called at the house in Avenue Foch yesterday morning, walked through the front door and upstairs to Sung's bedroom and asked a member of the household to be allowed to see the master. One of the men, who was carrying a chicken and some bottles of Chinese wine, said they were there to present these as gifts from "Mr. Ma." They were admitted by Sung, who was eating his breakfast in bed at the time and who got up to greet them.

While one of the visitors presented the gifts the other drew a pistol and immediately fired two shots into Sung's face at very close range. The man was killed almost instantly. Then the intruders turned on their heels and ran down the stairs and out of the house. They escaped.

Terrified women members of the household called the Police, and detectives from the Chengtu Road Station made a searching investigation. Efforts were made to disclose what dealings the late Sung had had lately which might have prompted an attack.

#### Another Found Murdered

The body of a murdered man of the coolie class was discovered, on Chining Road near Thorburn Road, at about 8 o'clock yesterday morning by passers-by. Police at the Yulin Road Station investigated the case but the victim had not been identified at a late hour yesterday. The man had died of wounds inflicted with an edged instrument. It is believed that the body was dumped at the place where it was found.

# U.S. Airwoman Killed With Children

Seattle, Apr. 1.

Miss Cora Sterling, prominent American aviatrix, and four children whom she had taken for an air ride, were killed here yesterday when they crashed in her private plane. The plane burst into flames after crashing and burned the bodies of the victims.—United Press.

## *Minister of Economic War To Broadcast*

The British Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. Ronald Cross, will give a broadcast in the "matters of moment" series over the B.B.C. on Wednesday, April 3, at 3 p.m. G.M.T. (Shanghai time, 11 p.m., Wednesday) on GSD, GSF, GSG, GSV and GST. Recordings of his speech will be rebroadcast three times, on April 3 at 10.45 p.m. G.M.T. (Shanghai time, 6.45 a.m., Thursday) on GSC, GSP, GSD, GSF and GSB; on Thursday, April 4 at 4.30 a.m. G.M.T. (Shanghai time, 12.30 a.m. Thursday) on GSC, GSD and GSB; and finally, at 8.45 G.M.T. on April 4 (Shanghai time 4.45 p.m. Thursday) on GSD, GSF, GSP and GSI.

# Gen. Chiang Denounces Mr. Wang

### New Regime Tool for Japan; China's Army Grows Strong, Better

Chungking, Apr. 1.

A denunciation of Mr. Wang Ching-wei and a review of military, foreign and domestic affairs during the past six months were the features of a half-hour speech by General Chiang Kai-shek at a ceremony opening the fifth session of the National People's Political Council this morning.

Any regime set up by Mr. Wang, "in whatever form, under whatever name, cannot be anything else than an instrument of the Japanese Army," declared General Chiang. "Such a regime cannot affect China's resistance," he added, "nor will it be recognized by the world."

A formal statement of the National People's Political Council denouncing Mr. Wang will be issued tomorrow. The statement will be discussed and approved at the first business session.

Reviewing military developments during the past six months, General Chiang declared that Japanese drives in South Kwangsi, North Hunan, North Hupeh, North Kwangtung, South Shansi and western Suiyuan all were repulsed by the Chinese.

#### Heavy Japanese Losses

General Chiang particularly stressed recent Chinese successes in western Suiyuan, where they recaptured Wuyuan. He stated that Japanese losses in the past six months of fighting totalled 230,000 killed and wounded.

General Chiang emphasized that Chinese military strength, both in quality and quantity, had steadily improved, while Japanese strength was declining.

He urged the country to make a greater effort in the third period of China's resistance to "deliver a final blow to the enemy and achieve a final Chinese victory."

Referring to foreign affairs, General Chiang said that despite the European war assistance to China on the part of friendly powers not only had not declined but had steadily increased.

He pointed out that the Soviet-Finnish war for a time threatened to complicate the international situation; he expressed a hope that with the end of the Soviet-Finnish war closer co-operation would be effected among the powers, particularly Russia, Britain, the United States and France, for establishment of peace in the Far East.

He stated that Japan intended to play the powers against each other in the hope of strengthening her own position in the Far East, but such a policy had failed.

#### U.S. Policy Grows Firmer

He declared that despite pressure and threats from Japan, the policy of the United States Government in the Far East was becoming stronger daily.

After stressing internal difficulties in Japan, also Japan's isolated position in international relations, General Chiang predicted an early collapse of Japan's adventure in China.

Referring to domestic affairs, he pointed to the strides made towards early establishment of constitutional government in China.

After explaining the importance of economic reconstruction during the time of resistance, he stated that the creation of a new Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry was for the specific purpose of improving economic conditions of Chinese farmers.

The Generalissimo, attired in a military uniform, appeared to be in excellent spirits and health as he presided at the meeting. He frequently smiled and nodded to members.

Mr. Chang Po-lin, Vice-Chairman of the Council and President of Nankai University, announced that a formal statement denouncing Mr. Wang Ching-wei would be discussed and adopted at tomorrow's session of the council. The draft was discussed at an informal tea party of members yesterday. Foreign pressmen were invited to attend this morning's opening ceremony.

This will be the last session before Congress is dissolved, since the National People's Congress will be convened in November to adopt a constitution and fix a date for its enforcement.

The principal subject of discussion during the present session, it is understood, will be questions relating to the forthcoming establishment of the constitutional government.

The stabilization of commodity prices will also be brought up by delegates for discussion.—Returns.

# New Nanking Regime Defended By Tokyo Spokesman

### Statement by Mr. Cordell Hull Repudiated; Wang Ching-wei Independence Upheld

Tokyo, Apr. 1.

THE new Nanking Kuomintang Government headed by Mr. Wang Ching-wei is as independent as the government of Manchoukuo, the Japanese Foreign Office spokesman, Mr. Yakichiro Suma, told the press here today.

Asked whether Mr. Wang's government was as independent as Manchoukuo, Mr. Suma replied, "I think so, since Manchoukuo is independent."

Mr. Suma, in commenting on the statement by Mr. Cordell Hull, American Secretary of State, said the United States should await developments in East Asia before refusing to recognize the new Nanking régime.

"The United States," said Mr. Suma, "should be more patient, and should wait and see developments before encouraging toward further resistance those elements which we are fighting."

Mr. Suma said that Mr. Hull's statement represented the "natural attitude of the Americans toward the China affair," but added that the statement contained three important points.

The first point, Mr. Suma said, is that Mr. Hull makes it clear that the American Government cannot recognize the new Nanking régime, but on the contrary recognizes the Chungking Government with which Japan is in a state of hostilities.

#### Resistance Encouraged

Mr. Suma said that such an attitude on the part of the American Government encourages people or a group of people in keeping up their anti-Japanese sentiments despite the fact that during the Nomura-Grew talks the American Government "made us understand that it was ready to enter into talks with Japan in a constructive spirit."

The spokesman pointed to the American Committee for Non-Participation in Japanese Aggression, headed by Col. Henry Stimson, former Secretary of State, as an example of an organization extending great assistance and encouragement to the Chungking Government.

Mr. Suma said the second point of note was the alleged fact that Mr. Hull's statement ignored "Japan's sincere efforts to ameliorate relations with the United States."

Mr. Hull made his statement, according to Mr. Suma, without regard for the assurances and guarantees given America by Japan and without awaiting the outcome of Japan's "sincere efforts."

#### No Economic Bloc

Mr. Suma denied Mr. Hull's assertion that Japan is setting up a political and economic bloc in the Far East. He said that present conditions are "only a phase in the transition from hostilities to peace."

The third point of note regarding Mr. Hull's statement, Mr. Suma said, was that "we cannot and any country cannot be blind to the facts as they are."

Comparatively speaking, he said, the Japanese occupied area of China may be smaller than areas under the jurisdiction of the Chungking Government, and the population of Japanese-controlled areas may be smaller, but substantially speaking, "ninety per cent. of the customs revenues of all China will be controlled by the new Nanking Government."

#### Populous Area Ruled

He said the new Nanking régime also would exercise jurisdiction over the most fertile and most populous part of China.

"These facts," he said, "cannot be ignored. Besides, in the note addressed to Japan on December 12, 1938, the American Government said the United States was well aware that a change was taking place in the Orient. This change cannot be disregarded, either."

The Japanese Government, Mr. Suma said, has on many occasions reiterated its intention to do its best to ameliorate relations with the United States.

"The American Government," he said, "might be a little more patient to wait and see Japan's efforts bearing fruit in the form of stability and peace in China."—United Press.

#### Warning to Powers

Tokyo, Apr. 1.

Japan will be unable to co-operate with a country disregarding the new order in East Asia, Mr. Suma declared here today in a reply to a foreign newspaper correspondent's question.

The attitude of foreign Powers towards the question of peace and stability in East Asia, he said, would be regarded by Japan with "great concern."

Economic activities in China of third party nationals "who understand the true spirit underlying Sino-

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# Japan Takes Mr. Hull's Statement Very Calmly

### Craigie Speech Considered Countering U.S. Attitude; Tokyo Resolved to Go Ahead

Tokyo, Apr. 1.

The statement on American policy towards the reorganized National Government of China issued in Washington on Saturday by Mr. Cordell Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, did not foreshadow the enforcement of an American embargo against exports to Japan or the convocation of a meeting on Nine-Power Pact signatories, Japanese diplomatic observers declared here today.

Japan, however, would be compelled to take necessary measures to cope with such a situation should the United States resort to strong steps against Japan, particularly as it is generally recognized here that Japan has exhausted all means to prepare the ground for an adjustment of her relations with America, these observers stated.—Domei.

#### Tokyo Reacts Calmly

Tokyo, Apr. 1.

Tokyo reacted calmly and coolly to the declaration made by the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, when he said that his country would continue to recognize the Chungking Government as the only Government of China. It was admitted, however, that Mr. Hull's statement was stronger than expected.

Japan's cool reaction is probably the result of the relentless Government and press campaign aiming at persuading the Japanese public that Japan is no longer interested in anything America does or thinks about the Far East. This campaign has been continuing ever since the United States denounced the treaty of commerce and navigation of 1911.

Many foreign observers here believe that Mr. Hull's statement, instead of causing Japan to soft-pedal her policy, will only be taken by the Government as one more opportunity to strengthen the people in their determination never to accept being stopped by any Western Power but rather to face the economic and other perils which such a stubborn decision may entail.

Japanese circles closely connected with the Tokyo Government are of the opinion that the United States is more and more estranged from France and Great Britain as far as Far Eastern politics are concerned. They hint that Mr. Hull's blow has been deadened by the conciliatory speech delivered a few days ago by Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador to Japan. London and Paris, they assert, are not reacting too favourably to Mr. Hull's statement. Their conclusion is that on the whole, the situation for Japan is not such a bad one, for much diplomatic manoeuvring is still possible, with Washington on one side and with Paris and London on the other. —Havas.

# Non-Recognition of Wang Approved

### Political Parties in U.S. United in Support of Hull Declaration

Washington, Apr. 1.

Both Democratic and Republican leaders in Congress today expressed warm approval of the declaration last week by the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, who said the United States would refuse to recognize the new Nanking Kuomintang Government.

Some quarters, however, remained cautious toward proposals for an embargo or other punitive measures against Japan. Reactions to these proposals varied widely.

On one extreme stood Senator William H. King, Democrat of Utah, who demanded that the United States sever relations outright with Japan.

Senator Henrik Shipstad, Independent of Minnesota, warned, however, that the United States "should not attempt to correct all the old world's ills."

Mr. Hull, it was recalled, announced that the United States was opposed to aggression and would refuse to recognize the new Nanking régime headed by Mr. Wang Ching-wei. He said the new regime appeared to be a tool of Japan in destroying China's independence and in attacking the rights and interests of third Powers in China.—United Press.

#### "Herald-Tribune" Comment

New York, Apr. 1.

"There is no reason to suppose that erection of a sham authority under Japanese protection will materially affect the military situation," says the "New York Herald-Tribune," referring to the new regime at Nanking under Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

"As seen from abroad, it means nothing but one more Japanese treaty violation, confirming that previous violations were studied and deliberate. To condone a division of China into Manchuria, Mongolia and Central China, is as much violation of the letter of treaties as would be Japan's formal annexation of occupied territory. This performance in Nanking can safely be labelled as a pretty feeble and shoddy bit of Oriental make-believe."—Reuter.

#### Japan's Reaction

Tokyo, Apr. 1.

The Japanese press gave great prominence today to an abridged version of the statement by Mr. Cordell Hull, American Secretary of State, regarding the new Nanking Kuomintang Government, but refrained from commenting on the statement editorially.

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, told the press in Osaka that he expected such a statement from Washington, "considering the attitude of that country since the outbreak of the Manchurian incident."

The Japanese press did not print Mr. Hull's full statement which condemned aggression in general and labelled the new government headed by Wang Ching-wei a tool for Japanese violations of third Power rights and interests in China.—United Press.

#### French See Little Change

Paris, Mar. 31.

"There will be no great change in the China situation, for Nanking's authority is not yet recognized and the Chungking Government continues to be recognized as the only legal government in China's foreign relations, as the United States has already proclaimed," the semi-official "Le Temps" asserted today.

Commenting on Wang Ching-wei's installation at Nanking as head of the new "Central China Government," the newspaper declared:

"It is only in the light of future events that will be found the answer to the question: Does the formation of the Wang Ching-wei Government mark off a new stage in the Far Eastern situation?

"Nevertheless, it may be stated right now that the creation of his government is a new fact that must be noted, that it is the outcome of large-scale Japanese diplomatic efforts coupled with vast military operations.

"After two and a half years of armed conflict without declaration of war, after the effective occupation of North China, certain provinces of Central China and the larger section of the coastline, the Japanese are still confronted with enormous difficulties.

#### Plan Impeded

"These difficulties impede execution of their plan for permanent co-operation between Japan, China and Manchoukuo by the grouping of the three countries under Japanese control.

"The question is to link together the regional authorities established with the support of the Japanese and thus create a central Chinese power determined to co-operate with Japan in a spirit of complete, reciprocal confidence.

"This task was a particularly awkward one to carry out for a state of war still exists in China, the Chiang Kai-shek armies still pursue their hostilities and Chungking's national Government indomitably retains its position."

Commenting on the declaration issued yesterday by Wang Ching-wei and the reaction it produced in Chungking, "Le Temps" asserted:

"On the one hand there is a struggle for influence between Nanking and the Chungking Government, while on the other Japan is determined to continue the war as long as her aims are not fully attained and there remain forces hostile to Sino-Japanese co-operation, as Tokyo puts it.

"These are the political facts, emerging from the creation of the Wang Ching-wei Government," "Le Temps" concluded.—Havas.

## New York Transport Strike Impending

### Mayor La Guardia Approves Demands by Union Men

New York, Apr. 1.

The Transport Workers' Union, which controls 50,000 transportation employees in New York, said last night that it was ready to go on strike today unless its demands for higher wages and other concessions were accepted by employers.

The threatened strike would paralyze subway, elevated railway, streetcar, bus and taxi lines serving 7,000,000 people.

The Mayor, Mr. Fiorello LaGuardia, told the press, however, that the strike would be averted. He said he had approved of the union's demands but was leaving the matter to a court decision.

The union is demanding that the city, owner of some of the transportation systems threatened by the strike, accept union contracts, recognizing the closed shop and the right of the union to strike.—United Press.

## Flying-Boat Services To South Africa

### Imperial Airways, British Airways Now Merged

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 1.

An extended Empire flying-boat service to South Africa will commence this week.

At the outbreak of the war, Empire services to Africa were reduced to a once-weekly return flight to Durban, and a once-weekly return flight to Kisumu.

It has now been decided to extend the Kisumu service, and thus restore flying-boat services to South Africa, to pre-war frequency.

Today, the Imperial Airways, and the British Airways are merged into one organization—the British Overseas Airways Corporation—under whose control all Empire air-mail services come.—Reuter.

## Hungarian Attitude Much Clarified

### Revisionism Dropped During Present European Conflict

Budapest, Mar. 31.

Bearing Italy's assurance to support Hungary in all circumstances, the Premier, Count Paul Teleky, returned to Budapest from Rome this evening. He is to preside over a Cabinet meeting tomorrow, when he will inform his colleagues of the parleys he held in Rome, where he pledged Il Duce Hungary will not press her revisionist claims against Rumania while the present war continues.

On his railway journey here, just as he crossed the Italian frontier, Count Teleky telegraphed Signor Benito Mussolini to thank him for the courtesy extended to him during his lengthy visit and to voice the Magyar people's "deep feeling" over the cordiality of Hungaro-Italian "traditional relations."

Count Teleky's trip to Italy was seen here today to have strengthened his ministerial position at home. The Rome talks, it was also declared, confirmed Hungary's independence of policy. Hungary, it was stated in informed quarters, no doubt intends to continue her "good neighbour" relations with all neighbouring countries, particularly Yugoslavia.—Havas.

## Mr. Wells Lauds "Great Polish Nation"

### Letters Sent to Premier And Foreign Minister

Paris, Apr. 1.

Mr. Sumner Welles, United States Under-Secretary of State, who has just returned to America after his fact-finding mission in Europe, wrote letters to the Polish Prime Minister, General Vladislav Sikorski, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. August Zaleski, before he left for home.

This was announced at a cabinet meeting of Polish Ministers in France.

The letters stressed the importance of conversations which took place with Polish leaders, when Mr. Welles was in Paris, and expressed the friendliest feelings for the "great Polish nation."—Reuter.

## Australia Restricts Imports

### Petrol Rationing Possible, Says Prime Minister

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Melbourne, Apr. 1.

Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister, has announced further restrictions on the importation of goods from non-sterling countries, involving over £2,000,000.

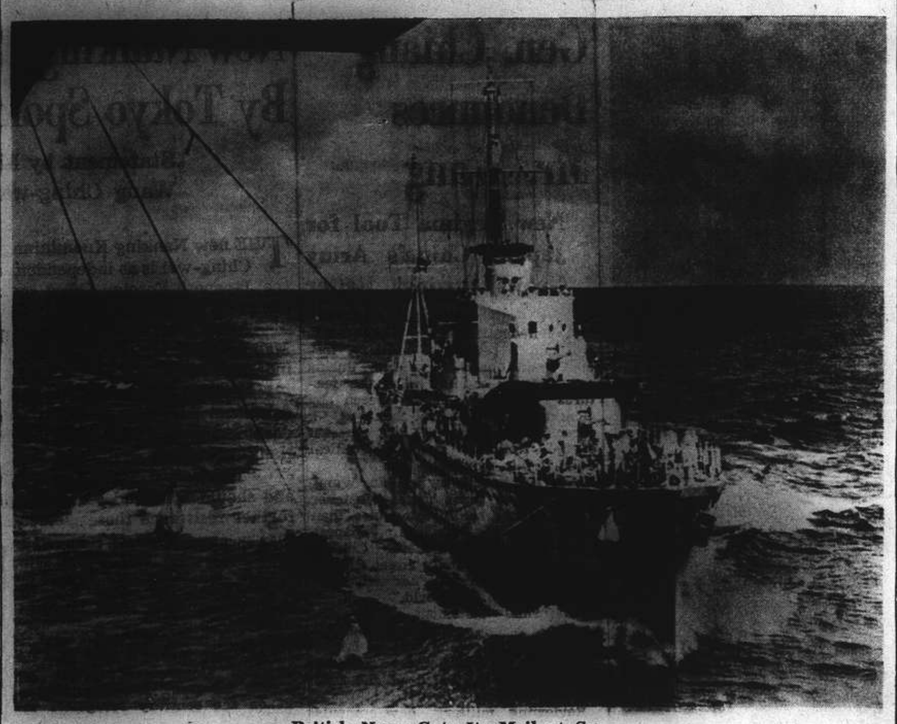
Petrol rationing may follow.

The Federal Government considers that the only alternative to rationing is that American oil companies should invest money permanently in Australia. So far, the Government has not been able to induce companies to make this form of investment.—Reuter.

## Mr. C. E. Gauss to Leave On Thursday

### U.S. Official Departing In ss. President Taft

Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, the U.S. Consul General in Shanghai who has been appointed first American Minister to Australia, will leave Shanghai on Thursday at 1 a.m. in the ss. President Taft. The time of Mr. Gauss' departure at the Customs Jetty is not known but should he decide to go aboard his ship during daylight, a guard of honour of the U.S. 4th. Marines is expected to see him off. Friends, members of the American community of Shanghai and consular officials are also expected to attend at the Customs Jetty to bid Mr. Gauss bon voyage.



**British Navy Gets Its Mail at Sea**

*Here is seen how the British Navy picks up its mail at sea. This photo was made from the deck of an unnamed warship which is picking up bags of mail brought from home by a speedy destroyer. Thus the sailors are sure of getting their mail from home no matter where their sea duty takes them.*

## *Five Japanese Named For Council*

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Meanwhile it was intimated in Chinese circles in Shanghai yesterday that the five Chinese members of the Shanghai Municipal Council may be re-elected en bloc. No official information on the subject has been released but it is learned that preparations are being made by the Chinese Ratepayers Association in the International Settlement to re-elect the five Chinese councillors and also those on the various committees of the S.M.C. Chinese election procedure has been considerably simplified this year, according to Chinese reports, and the results may be made known by the middle of this month.

## *Moscow Policy Disappointing Berlin Hopes*

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The "Courrier de Genève" was extremely critical of the Soviet Premier's address and commented: "What a masterpiece! The art of making a travesty of truth in M. Molotoff's speech reaches heights difficult to surpass."

Dealing with Soviet "love of peace," it added: "It was no doubt pure coincidence that the German-Soviet agreement of last August preceded the outbreak of war by only a few days, and Moscow's pacifism was manifested in a particularly striking manner in Finland!" Alluding to the Molotov declaration on Albania, the newspaper concluded with the rhetorical query: "Does this mean that the hopes founded on a German-Italian-Soviet triangle have been shattered;"—Havas.

**Russia "Afraid of Allies"**

Stockholm, Mar. 31.

"Russia could strangle Poland when the latter had been already defeated by Germany; she could impose her will upon Estonia and Latvia, and she could, after three months of bloody, costly combat, obtain a few concessions from Finland, but we are sure that the Soviet Union does not dare to face adversaries such as Britain and France."

This observation was contained in an editorial in the Swedish newspaper "Special Demokraten," commenting on M. Viacheslav Molotov's speech before the Supreme Council.

Scandinavian attention was naturally drawn to the passage referring to the Finnish situation, and most news organs have pointed out that a definite danger exists for the Nordic countries which, formally allied or not, must co-operate against their common danger.—Havas.

**Bucharest Optimistic**

Bucharest, Mar. 31.

The desire of Soviet Russia to assure her peace and security by remaining out of the present war is seen by the Rumanian press in the final statements made by M. Viacheslav Molotov to the Supreme Council.

"This affirmation should satisfy all of Russia's neighbours who intend to remain out of the war," the newspaper "Timpul" remarked, adding: "Rumania has never ceased to support a policy of peace, and constitutes a guarantee of security for her neighbouring states."

Considerable surprise was manifested by the press at the declaration that there was no non-aggression pact existing between Russia and Rumania. The "Timpul," pointing out the error in this statement, said: "The Kellogg-Briand pact was put into effect between the two countries at the request of the U.S.S.R. Furthermore, the London Convention of July 3, 1933, while not exactly of a bi-lateral character, definitely implies non-aggression obligations."

The newspaper "Universul," commenting in almost identical words on the speech, added: "The policy of peace defined by Molotov corresponds to the peaceful policies of Rumania, which has already proved its desire to remain out of the present war."—Havas.

## Czech Volunteers to Leave for France

### National Character and Ranks Preserved

London, Apr. 1.

The first batch of Czech volunteers —the "little army"—recruited in London are leaving for service in France shortly.

Those first on the calling-up list have received instructions to prepare for departure.

It will be equivalent to the continuation of their service in the Czechoslovak army. They will preserve their national character, and former ranks, while being assimilated into the Allied Forces.—Reuter.

## Allied Fleet Not to Enter Dardanelles

### No Warships to Pass Through If Turkey Stays Neutral

London, Apr. 1.

Reports (not issued by Reuters) that Turkey has agreed to allow the Allied Fleet through the Dardanelles to reinforce the Black Sea blockade are authoritatively described in London as entirely without foundation.

It is pointed out that the Montreux Convention binds all its signatory nations to agree that in a war in which Turkey is a neutral no nation can send its warships through the Dardanelles.

In a war in which Turkey is a belligerent, Turkey has the right to decide whether or not to allow warships through.

In exceptional cases Turkey could make a decision if she felt herself under immediate menace, but Reuter understands that the Allies have not suggested to Turkey that she is directly menaced at the present time.—Reuter.

## $69,000,000 Claim Now Before U.S. Court

### Compensation Requested By Norwegian Shipping Magnate

Oslo, Apr. 1.

An agreement for arbitration, in connection with the $69,000,000 claim for compensation brought by Mr. Christopher Hannevig against the United States Government, has been reached by the Governments of Norway and the United States.

The claim arose from the requisitioning, by the United States Shipping Board in 1917, of shipbuilding yards with contracts and materials, in which the Norwegian subject, Mr. Hannevig, held large interests. Mr. Hannevig's claims for compensation have since been the cause of protracted disputes between the two Governments.

Under an agreement, the two Governments consented to an exchange of pleas, within certain time limits; and if within six months after the last plea presented, they were still not in agreement as to a settlement, the matter would be referred to the American Court of Claims.

The agreement is now subject to ratification.—Reuter.

## Widow and Concubine In District Court

### Case May Have Political Complications

A case involving 8,000 piculs of rice and other valuables including 100,000 catties of wine which has been heard twice by the First Special District Court will be heard again tomorrow. A concubine is suing a widow for taking out their late husband's valuable documents from a Settlement bank's safety box and hiding them, and also for secretly disposing of the rice and wine which belonged to their husband.

The case may lead to political complications in view of the fact that Mayor Fu Hsiao-en, of the Shanghai Special Municipality sent a representative to call on Mr. G. G. Phillips, Secretary General of the Shanghai Municipal Council, some time ago giving the latter a copy of the Chinese newspaper report on the case.

The Mayor takes exception to the fact that the late husband of the women, Chang Yi-sun, was a compradore in a foreign firm and not a rice merchant. If the late husband had been hoarding rice which is officially forbidden by authorities in foreign areas here an equitable settlement of the case should be sought. He thinks that the late compradore had bought more than enough rice for his family's consumption. He has been waiting for a reply from Mr. Phillips.

## Three Armed Robberies

Three armed robberies were reported in the Settlement last night with the booty totalling $795 in cash and other personal belongings. No arrests were made. Eight men, four armed, broke into a residence at 957-963 Chemulpo Road shortly after 7 p.m. and after intimidating about 30 inmates they stole cash, clothing and jewellery amounting to $500 and decamped. A male Chinese was held up by two men one of whom was armed in Yu Yuen Road near Tifeng Road at about 6.40 p.m. who relieved him of $145. A rice shop at 134 Kwangse Road was victimized to the extent of $150 by three men at about the same time.

## *Allies Expected to Tighten Blockade Round Reich*

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Until now, this policy has been enforced by simply controlling contraband through methods traditionally accepted by international law. However, although this has been sufficient to cause Germany many difficulties, there have nevertheless been a number of leaks. The British and French Governments have therefore decided to impose restrictions progressively severe upon those countries which might serve as intermediaries for the Reich's purchases.

This new policy would inevitably entail some modifications in the traditional formula of the rights of belligerents, but the Allies considered that the fate of several million men is a stake too important to allow the Allies to abide indefinitely by strict etiquette while Germany violated the most explicit conventions.

Although no official indications have yet been given, it is believed that the regime of territorial waters will be probably modified within the near future, while the accumulation of stocks by countries bordering upon Germany, of which Soviet Russia is the most important, will be controlled much more severely than heretofore. —Havas.

**France Endorses View**

Paris, Apr. 1.

Mr. Winston Churchill's speech has been received with full agreement in official circles.

It is considered as a vigorous and up-to-date statement of the Allies' position towards neutrals and non-belligerents. The speech is specially welcomed for its clarity on two points: firstly, that the enemy is Germany; and secondly, that the Allies do not want war with Russia, unless it is forced upon them.—Reuter.

**Holland Expects Action**

Amsterdam, Apr. 1.

Political circles in this country regard the recent speech of Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the British Admiralty, as foreshadowing an intensification of the Allied blockade. In particular, they expect a sharper control of exports to neutral countries, with the object of ruling out the possibility of foods being forwarded to Germany.—Reuter.

**Sweden Doubts Charges**

Stockholm, Apr. 1.

Political circles here cannot see the force of suggestion contained in the recent speech of Mr. Winston Churchill, to the effect that neutrals are supplying Germany with raw materials to prolong the war. They pointed out it had been only recently that such significance was attached to the export of Swedish iron ore. Prior to the outbreak of the war, this export trade to Germany was considered only of secondary importance, they added. —Reuter.

**Italians Expect Action**

Rome, Apr. 1.

In light of the recent speech delivered by Mr. Winston Churchill, British First Lord of the Admiralty, the press here generally expects the Allies to strengthen their blockade against Germany.

Britain and France, the papers say, will most likely impose a strict quota on goods imported by neutral countries to prevent them from sending any surplus to the Reich. This decision, the paper concludes, will be applied methodically country by country and product by product during the next few months.—Havas.

## *New Nanking Regime Defended By Tokyo Spokesman*

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Japanese co-operation" will be "greatly welcomed", Mr. Yukio Sakurauchi, Japanese Minister of Finance, declared here last night.

"We are also prepared to deal with an inflow of foreign capital," he added.

Mr. Sakurauchi, who was on his way to western Japan to report his assumption of office at the imperial shrines and mausolea, reaffirmed that the economic interests of third party Powers in China would be respected.

Foreshadowing the establishment of a bank of issue by the "National Government" in Nanking, the Finance Minister stated that a new currency system was "scheduled to be created" in China.

"It is difficult to state lightly whether that currency will be linked to the yen or whether an exchange stabilization agreement will be concluded between the two countries." Mr. Sakurauchi stated. "For the time being, however, the currency situation in China will have to be left as it is, until a basic settlement is reached upon the establishment of a new bank of issue," he added.—Domei.

# How Great Britain Lives

### Real Power in Britain Is The Wage And Salary Earning Class; People and War

By Sir Ronald Davison

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WHENEVER I have the privilege of meeting foreign visitors to Britain and discussing social questions with them, they seem to me to take a very favourable view of British institutions. They like the way Britain lives, but I always want to correct them on one point, and that is when they talk of Britain's social order as if it were aristocratic and rather old fashioned, being divided into an hereditary governing class and the "common people," into rich and poor, with an unbridged gulf between them.

That is certainly not how it seems to us nowadays and I do not think it is true. I admit that some of the old English aristocracy survives and that, in each generation, it produces men of first rate ability and character. That still happens in other European countries besides England. The fact remains that the real power in Britain is the wage and salary earning class. In Britain nearly 90 per cent. of our 44,000,000 citizens live in households with a weekly income between £2 and £8 a week.

They are neither very rich nor very poor, but their average standard of life is probably a little higher than in many continental countries and they keep it up by the money they earn as workers in industry, commerce and the professions. There are about 18,000,000 such workers; the rest are their dependants (i.e. wives, children and old persons).

In a few lowly paid occupations like agriculture and the manufacture of clothing, minimum wages are legally fixed by Joint Boards or Councils set up by the Government, but, for the most part, the State does not interfere. Overseas readers will at once ask: "What about British Trade Unions, labour disputes and strikes?"

I can only say that in each of the last ten years the amount of time and money lost in industrial conflicts has not amounted to more than the cost of an extra half-day's holiday. Most people, nowadays, hold the view that trade unions are an asset to Britain. They are a steadying rather than a disruptive force. They help to keep up the level of wages to a decent standard, not only for their 4,700,000 trade union members, but for a wider range of workers.

**No Violence**

Their leaders much prefer to use peaceful methods rather than violence in negotiating their wage agreements with groups of employers. They are by no means spoiling for unnecessary fights. Strikes only exhaust their union funds and deplete the resources available for the various benefits.

The leadership of British trade unions is steady and sensible. Another fact to remember is that the Trades Union Congress is linked to the political Labour Party and usually exercises a moderating influence on extremists.

At the present time there is a fixed resolve on the part of Labour to rally all classes together in Britain's war effort. I have spoken about wages, but nowadays, in England, another kind of wealth distribution has grown up as a supplement to the wage system.

I mean the Public Social Services for education, health, poverty, housing and social insurance. The total annual expenditure on these services in Britain now amounts to nearly £500,000,000 and every year some 30 million men, women and children benefit by it.

There is no country in the world that spends more of its national income on the well-being of its ordinary citizens, and no country has a better equipment of social services. Chief among these State services are the Contributory Insurances, which cover sickness, unemployment, old age and widowhood.

**Copied**

Sickness insurance, based upon employment, was copied from Germany in 1911. National Unemployment Insurance was invented by Britain in the same year (1911) and it was sixteen years before Germany copied it in 1927.

Both these great national insurances had a hard struggle to survive the financial strain due to the slump from 1920 to 1933, but owing to the great recovery in employment since 1935, both are now going strong and are providing improved benefits to English workers.

The Employers, Workers and the State pay their share of the contributions. National Health Insurance guarantees to the workers free medical attention, other than hospital and specialist service, together with six months of sick pay.

Old Age Insurance guarantees a pension of 20/- a week to the worker and to his wife when each of them reach the age of 65 and there is much talk at the present time of increasing the amount. I should explain at this point that during the last two years the number of Britain's people earning wages in employment has exceeded all previous records.

**Unemployed**

There were before September, 1939, over 2,000,000 more people employed for wages than in 1935. Today the increase is probably 3,000,000 including the defence forces. That is a large increase and it was only partly due to warlike preparations and government orders in 1938-39. At the same time the unemployment figure of more than 1,000,000 looks high, but the fact is that, under Britain's curious statistical system, they count as unemployed some hundreds of thousands of men and women and young persons who are either not really available for work or are only passing from one intermittent job to another.

All these people take good care to sign the registers at the Employment Exchanges, because that signature is the indispensable preliminary to several different kinds of social payments or benefits.

I estimate that in these days over 600,000 people are signing the Unemployed Register who should not be counted as unemployed in the strict sense of the word.

Today Britain is really beginning to suffer from a shortage of labour in certain occupations, especially among engineering craftsmen. Many elderly workers remain on the unemployed registers and continue to draw "Doles" of various kinds, but they are, some of them, unfitted for hard work or incapable of learning new jobs. Their working days are really over.

## Finland's Readiness To Negotiate

### Sweden Could Give No Military Aid

Stockholm, Apr. 1.

It was revealed today in the Swedish Parliament that on December 2, only two days after the Soviet invasion of Finland, the Finnish Government asked the Swedish Government to inquire if Russia was willing to resume negotiations which had been broken off.

The Soviet Government replied that it did not recognize any Finnish Government other than that of Kuusinen's government at Terijoki.

It was further disclosed that the Swedish Government twice made it clear to the Finns that no military action could be expected from Sweden if the Aaland Islands were attacked.

The Swedish attitude regarding transfer of troops to Finland was brought to the notice of the Finns at the outbreak of the war and throughout it. The Swedish Government wished that any help from the outside should be given in such a manner that Sweden would not be regarded as a participant in any great international invasion, and that all war material sent should be given the character of Finnish purchases.—Reuter.

## Iraq Cabinet Resigns

Baghdad, Apr. 1.

The Cabinet resigned yesterday. A new Cabinet will be formed under Rashid Ali Gailani, with Seyyid Nuri As Said as Foreign Minister.

Rashid Ali Gailani was Prime Minister of the National Government from March to October, 1933, but subsequently resigned. He was one of three Ministers (Nuri As Said was another), who were forced to leave the country in 1930 for a period, following a military coup by General Sidky Bey.—Reuter.

## Communist Activities In Australia

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Sydney, Apr. 1.

Federal officials are engaged in an elaborate check-up on the activities of Australian Communists, particularly in industrial centres, armament works and the fighting services. Members of the Communist Party of Australia are estimated to number 20,000.—Reuter.

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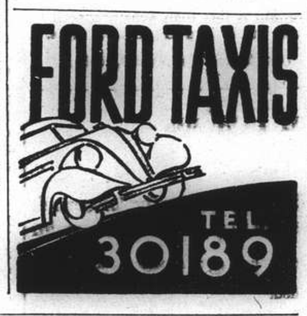


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## Gen. Chiang's Son Cheered in New York

New York, Apr. 1.

Lieutenant Chiang Wei-ko, son of General Chiang Kai-shek, was wildly cheered by 3,500 New York Chinese at a meeting yesterday, in protest against the establishment of the Central Government at Nanking. Afterwards, the crowd burned an effigy of Mr. Wang Ching-wei.—Reuter.

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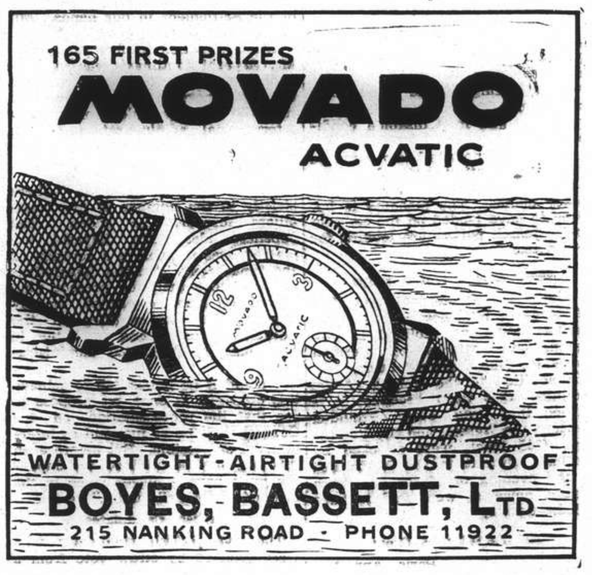


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| 9.15 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. | English |
| 10.00 p.m. to 10.15 p.m. | Spanish |

**News in English**

Advance notice of outstanding broadcasts during the week will be given under the title "The Week's Programmes" every Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. and 4.15, 8 and 10.15 p.m., by courtesy of the British Foreign Office. Notice of broadcasts of outstanding importance will also be given in the British Official Wireless service.

Frequencies and wavelengths which give the best reception in English at the present time in Shanghai, those in heavy type being better than the rest:—

| Local Time | Frequency | Wave |
|---|---|---|
| 7.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. | 9.51 m/cs | 31.55 m. |
| 2.00 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. | 11.75 | 25.53 |
| | 15.26 | 19.66 |
| | 15.31 | 19.60 |
| 3.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. | 15.14 | 19.82 |
| 6.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. | **15.14** | **19.82** |
| 10.00 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. | **11.75** | **25.53** |

News summaries are broadcast at 7.30 a.m., 4, 6.45 and 9.15 p.m. (The 9.15 news summary is simultaneously rebroadcast from ZBW, Hongkong, on 31.49 m., a frequency of 9.52 m/c.) Full news bulletins at 8.30 a.m. 5, 7.30 p.m. and midnight.

**AUSTRALIAN BROADCAST**

Australian Broadcasting Commission special "World Broadcast" from VLR nightly 8.30 to 9 Shanghai time, 9.58 m/s or 31.3 m. Music, a talk, news.

## FROM DAY TO DAY

THE Grand Cross of the Order of Isabel the Catholic was awarded to Mr. Makoto Yamo, Japanese Minister to Spain.

MRS. J. Haynes Wilson is expected back in Shanghai early next week after an absence of almost a year in England.

MRS. J. S. Potter is returning to Shanghai in the ss. Peter Maersk due to arrive today. She is returning from a visit of several months to the United States. She will be at her home, 95 Amherst Avenue.

THIS week's Rotary meeting will be held as usual on Thursday, at the Metropole Hotel, 1st Floor, at 12.15 p.m. A forecast of the future, twenty years hence, will be given by Rotarian Breuer.

MR. R. Markham and infant, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. W. Smith, left on Sunday in the ss. Wing Sang for Hongkong, Mr. Markham recently having been transferred there. Mrs. Smith will be spending a short holiday in Hongkong.

HONGKEW is not to be considered safe although it has been re-opened to the public and the Shanghai Municipal Police authorities have resumed their jurisdiction over this area, the City Chamber of Commerce has been informed by the Ministry of Economic Affairs of the Chinese Government in Chungking, states the "Sin Wan Pao."

VERY seldom do we hear about tree wastage. According to the chief of the economy branch of the British Timber Control much wastage of timber is caused by matches and matchboxes and he suggests they should be half their size. He also said it was estimated that in England we wasted in match 2,500 tons of timber each year. We may in the future do away with wood altogether for matchboxes and have plastic ones instead.

A LORRY driver had a terible experience recently when he crashed 75 feet. He was William Hollis, 19 and his lorry crashed 75 feet over a railway embankment near Kenyon station on to the main Manchester-Liverpool Line. He was trapped in the cabin and struggled frantically to free himself, expecting a train to appear at any moment. After a few minutes he got free, climbed up the embankment, and ran to warn the signalman. His only injury was a few bruises.

THE Shanghai Municipal Council health report for the week ending midnight, March 30, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Settlement were—Foreigners 10, and Chinese 716. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, tuberculosis 3 and typhus fever 1. Chinese, tuberculosis 72; typhoid fever 33; typhus fever 5; dysentery 4; measles 4; beri-beri 3; relapsing fever 3 and diphtheria, influenza 1 each.

THE health report of the French Municipality for the week ending March 30, shows that the total number of deaths from causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Concession were—Foreigners, 5 and Chinese 269. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, tuberculosis 1, and Chinese, tuberculosis 20; typhoid and paratyphoid fevers 7; pneumonia 6; dysentery 5; beri-beri 4; recurring fever 2 and diphtheria, cerebrospinal meningitis, measles, typhus fever, smallpox, septicæmia 1 each.

WARWICK Castle in England is the latest of the big country houses to be given up by its owner "for the duration." Lord Warwick offered it to the Government, and it has been stripped of all its glory. It is now ready for instant occupation. It used to cost the family £10,000 a year to live there, but for some years they have occupied less magnificent homes. 58 servants were employed on the estate and in the castle. Lord Warwick has done his best to keep the old men and women and so far he has succeeded, although it had been a hard struggle. With the offer of the Castle to the Government it means that he will lose 2/- each paid by tens of thousands of tourists.

THE Navy Y.M.C.A. wishes to acknowledge with thanks the donation of books, magazines, American newspapers, etc., received from the following persons during March:—Mrs. Wm. Klein, Miss E. Knox, Mr. Pavchinsky, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Kerske, Miss J. B. Ross, Mr. Pott, Mrs. E. L. Pray, Mr. N. P. Ivanoff, Mrs. G. D. Lamont, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Viloudaki, Mr. Lacy Little, Mr. A. H. Potter, Mrs. E. H. Waller, Mr. A. U. Fox, Mr. H. Freyn, Mr. N. F. Allman, Mrs. J. B. Hipps, Mr. M. A. Ferras, Miss M. Byrd, Mrs. H. H. Smith, Mr. U. S. Harkson, Mrs. E. H. Munson, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. McCracken, Mrs. L. Graves, Mrs. Ralph Dunn, Mr. C. L. Williams, Mr. E. Barnes, and others. The Navy Y.M.C.A. is always pleased to receive books and magazines for use among Service men.

THE Ministry of Agriculture want to get the eel back, in order to revive the Industry. In food value the eel rivals the salmon; in flavour, the sole—so the Ministry says. Britain's ancient eel-fishing industry has declined and few ordinary fishmongers have supplies. For years we have imported about 2,000 tons a year at a cost of £200,000. Now the Ministry is encouraging more professional fishermen to go for eels, and it wants owners and lessees of inland waters to help by giving fishing facilities. It may be of course that the poor little eel, like the herring, is regarded as rather "common."

THE Missions to Seamen acknowledge with grateful thanks the following gifts during the month of March:—Books and magazines from "North China Daily News," "Shanghai Times," "China Press," "Loyd's" Publishing Co., Messrs. V. S. Hamill, Smith, A. L. Newman, C. E. Sparke, W. Harper, Mesdames A. N. Lewis N. Maas, A. T. Pennecard,—Johnston, Piquet, Crowther, W. Smith, H. K. Nickless, W. D. Pearson. Clothing from Mrs. S. Pickering. Although there is at present no Missions to Seamen's Institute in Shanghai the Chaplain would be glad to receive books and magazines as usual for distribution on the ships entering port. They should be sent to the Chaplain's Office at Glen Line Building, 2 Peking Road.

## Former Pilots Praise R.A.F.

### Annual Reunion Dinner Of R.A.F.Ass'n Held in Dome Headquarters

Eulogistic references to the part the Royal Air Force is playing in the present war in Europe were made yesterday evening on the occasion of the 19th annual reunion dinner of the Royal Air Force Association of Shanghai, which was held in the "Dome" of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building, headquarters of the Association. Also celebrated at the dinner, which is always held on this date, was the anniversary of the amalgamation of the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Flying Corps into the Royal Air Force.

Seventy members and guests were present at the function, which was held in a "hangar" specially constructed for the occasion. Guests of honour were Col. V. R. Burkhardt, British Military Attache; Lieut. Col. R. A. Wolfe Murray, commanding the 1st. Bn. Seaforth Highlanders; Major A. C. T. Evans, acting commanding officer of the 2nd. Bn. East Surrey Regiment; Paymaster Commdr. J. H. Kennedy, Resident Naval Officer. Owing to his absence from Shanghai Group Capt. Aitken, Air Attache, was unable to be present.

The toast to "The King" was proposed by Mr. W. E. Holland, Chairman; and this was followed by the toast of the Royal Air Force. Association, "To those who have flown," and the Silent Toast, proposed by Mr. W. R. McBain, Senior Past President. Capt. V. J. B. Holland proposed "The Royal Air Force," and Mr. J. D. E. Shotter, "The Guests."

#### "A Chip Off the Old Block"

In proposing the toast of the "Royal Air Force" Capt. Holland stated: "On April 1, 1918, the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Flying Corps were disbanded and merged into a single fighting force with the title of the Royal Air Force. None of the spirit of the Flying Services was lost, rather was it fostered in the new organization. Tonight we are celebrating that proud record made by the R.N.A.S. and the R.F.C. and by coincidence we are again at war with the Germans. and seeing for ourselves the wonderful spirit—truly a chip off the old block—that is being put up by our sons in the R.A.F.

"The aftermath of every war has its biographies and is strewn with histories. The 1914-18 war has added its quota. No phase has been more fully written about than war in the air. The names of McCudden, Bishop, Mannock, Ball, McLaren, etc., and those of our gallant French Allies, we know them all. The number of their victories, the machines they flew are the stories of their bravery.

"We have gathered together in Shanghai now for twenty years in order to keep such memories green, and to pass on to our sons the inheritage handed down to us from the old Flying Services. When six of us foregathered here in Shanghai in 1920 we swore on oath that as long as we lived we would keep alive the traditions of the old regiment—how well we have kept our promise is patent to all.

"In the early days we flew in crates doing less than 80 miles an hour and taking 30 minutes to climb to 6,000 feet. The Sister Services looked upon us, more or less, with an amusing eye, and positively would not believe the observation reports we brought down."

Capt. Holland concluded with the words "The war today is entering upon its second phase, the first having been dealt with by our Navy, and the second is destined to be the job of the Royal Air Force, to make effective the blockade on land. We have every faith in our sons now fighting in the air and know that they will uphold the honour and prestige of the R.A.F."

## FUNERAL

### Rev. W. H. Warren

In presence of a very large attendance of mourners including workers and friends of the Mission the funeral took place at the Pahsienjao Cemetery yesterday afternoon, of the late Rev. William Henry Warren, Deputy Director of the China Inland Mission. The services in the Church and at the graveside were conducted by Bishop Curtis, Dean Trivett and Mr. E. G. W. Trickey. The pallbearers were:—Messrs. F. England, A. Mair, A. Hayman, H. O. Hayward, F. Parry and G. A. Scott. A beautiful floral sheaf "To Daddy from Girlie" was lowered into the grave with the coffin.

Among the floral tributes were those from:—

Harold and Gladys (Son and Daughter) His Two Sisters and Brother in England Louise and Lily Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gibb, Mr. and Mrs. Hoste, Fellow members of the Headquarters Staff, Friends in the National Bible Society of Scotland, Missionary Staff of the Children's Refuge and Door of Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. D. Sallis, Mrs. W. S. Sweet, Miss M. S. Fitzgerald, Rev. and Mrs. F. S. Donnelson, Hangchow Church, The Christian Missionary Alliance, The Home Staff including Miss Oakeshott and Mrs. King, Messrs. Ford, Hayman, Howes, Tull, Glanville, Mathews, Drew, Keeble, Mr. and Mrs. P. Taylor, the Hospital Staff and Patients, Mrs. M. Rawsthorne and Mrs. C. Pearson Grant, Captain and Mrs. Archibald Cook, Miss Jewell, All in the C. I. M. Home, Mrs. E. F. Tatum, Miss Gertrude Metcalfe and Miss Shewring, Christian's Mission, Miss Edith Spurling, Agnes and Gordon Smith, The Stenographers, Rev. W. H. Hudspeth and the China Bible House, Members of the Mission at Chekiang, Haw Sze Bing, Sung Kau Hie, Chang Quao Yung, Vong Tai King, Woo Yaio Lai, Wang Non Tah, Loo Kao Sung, Liu Te Tai, Nai Ven Sze, etc.

The funeral arrangements were in the care of Messrs. Thomas Macdonald & Co.

## Theft in Japanese Police Station Thwarted

A well-trained alarm clock, turned sleuth when a bold Chinese thief raided the Japanese Consular Police barracks on Range Road Sunday, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported yesterday.

The burglar, had successfully stolen the timepiece from room No. 1 of the barracks, when it started ringing.

Aroused by the sound, a constable pounced on the man, who fled as far as the Range Road-North Szechuen Road intersection before being captured, according to the paper.

## 400 Workers Return to Downtown Factory

Some 400 Chinese workers, makers of cotton underwear at an establishment in Lane 9, Shantung Road, returned to work yesterday after a strike which had lasted about a week.

## *French Troops to Hold Manoeuvres on April 4*

From 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. on April 4 French troops in Shanghai will take part in regular training manœuvres in the French Defence Sector in the Hungjao Road area. The public are informed that during the above hours on that date blank ammunition will be fired.

## Stolen Jewellery Returns to Shop

### Chinese Tries To Sell Back Gold Bracelets By Robbers Who Stole $100,000

Four gold bracelets stolen from the Laou Voong Ziang Silver Workshop in Nanking Road in the recent $100,000 robbery were presented to the victimized shop for exchange by an innocent looking man who would like to possess cash rather than gold. An alert shop assistant carefully looked at the precious ornaments and became convinced at once that the gold bracelets were no other than a part of the gold and silver ornaments and cash stolen from his shop.

The strange customer, Shen Supong, was politely asked to remain in the shop while the Louza police were called in. Shen told the police that he was a bona fide customer trying to have his gold bracelets exchanged for cash. The gold bracelets had been given him by a relative who wanted cash.

He tried to convince the police that he had never been involved in any criminal adventure and that if he had participated in the silver workshop robbery he would never have gone to the victim for cash. He tried several other shops but the exchange rates were so unfavourable that he finally decided to cash the gold ornaments with the shop which made them.

His argument sounded reasonable but the officers had their own way of reasoning. Anyway, they have obtained a very good clue that might lead to the rounding-up of the whole gang of robbers, and so they brought Shen before the First Special District Court yesterday on a writ of detention. Mr. Paul Ru, the Municipal Advocate asked the court for permission to detain Shen refraining to frame a charge against him pending further investigations. The request was granted by Judge Feng.

The silver workshop was robbed on February 25. Some robbers broke into the establishment in the evening and gained entrance into the storage room where they stole gold and silver ornaments worth a sum running well over five figures besides cash. The police have been working hard on the case but it was not until Sunday afternoon that Shen showed up with the gold bracelets in his hands. The same shop is also troubled with a dispute among shareholders one of whom wants to quit the business. The management has received a threatening letter just before the robbery and the case has also been referred to the same court.

## Rice Shortage Eased In Canton

Canton, Apr. 1.

The recent shortage of rice in the city, which caused much hardship to the poor owing to the high price, has been relieved somewhat by the arrival of supplies from the surrounding countryside.

It is reported that during last week a large shipment was received in Canton from Tungkoon district, and further substantial supplies are expected.

This has already had the desired effect of bringing down the price. and a further drop is expected in the near future.—Reuter.

## Germans Testify in War Risk Claim

### Insurance Assessor Says Organized Looting North Of Creek During 1937

Two German citizens and two British subjects gave evidence for the defence in the US$27,107.65 war risk insurance claim brought against the Home Insurance Co. by the Hwa Tung Electrical & General Engineering Works, hearing of which was resumed before Judge Milton J. Helmick in the United States Court for China yesterday. Mr. H. G. Nelson appeared for the defendant insurance firm while Messrs. C. S. Franklin and P. F. Faison represented the plaintiff company.

Mr. William T. Cromby, member of the firm of Nielson & Malcolm, consulting engineers, assessors and surveyors, was the first witness to appear yesterday morning. Mr. Cromby described conditions in the area North of Soochow creek during his visit to the Hwa Tung plant on December 21, 1937, and said that there was a lot of organized looting in the area during the late autumn of 1937, particularly of machinery and scrap. Scrap dumps grew up in the Northern and Eastern districts, he said.

Examined by Mr. Nelson, Mr. Charles Gresser, German, connected with the Reiber Feather Co. at 1010 Point Road, said that the Hwa Tung plant was very active for two or three days before the war commenced on August 13. Many trucks were coming and going, he said, and about forty men were working under sheds on an open bit of land. He said that he stayed at his factory from August 13 to September 9, when he was advised to leave by two Japanese officers. On August 26 he observed a small fire in the Hwa Tung factory but it went out by itself. Three days later he saw smoke coming from the factory building and he saw three Japanese soldiers go through a window dragging a hose. Later the smoke ceased.

Mr. Erwin Schindler, German employee of a dye firm at 1106 Point Road, said that he lived in his factory day and night from January 15, 1938, to just before Christmas of 1938. He said that he saw about 10 or 12 foreign civilians and many Japanese soldiers daily but there were no Chinese civilians in the area until the middle of summer. He saw many scrap dumps, one near the Hwa Tung factory and others outside the German feather factory and the factory where he was employed. These dumps consisted of machinery, iron, pipe, motors and belts, in fact anything that could be used for a factory. When he first went to the area there were not many dumps but in April the number increased. In April he saw Chinese coolies with wheelbarrows, military trucks and civilian trucks, bringing materials to the scrap dump from every side. Japanese civilians with arm bands acted as foremen in supervising the dumping of the metal.

A British insurance assessor, Mr. William R. Featherstonhaugh, of the firm of Nielson & Malcolm, said that he made an extensive survey of the Eastern district on September 3, covering most of the roads in that district in a car. He did not cover Point Road but on September 7 he returned to the area and covered the roads he had missed on his previous trip, including Point Road. On November 16 he visited the Hwa Tung plant to observe general conditions in the plant because of the war risk insurance involved. He found the main section of the ground and first floors in complete order but the front section of both floors, which contained the offices, store and show windows, were in evident disorder. He saw no evidence of looting in the main sections of the ground and first floors.

## Fire Extinguished at Oil Refining Plant

A small fire in an oil refining plant in Broadway East was extinguished by workers yesterday morning. No-one was injured.

## Signals Company S.V.C. To Hold Supper Dance

### Another Very Successful Season Completed

To mark the end of another very successful training season, the Signals Company of the S.V.C. will hold a supper dance at S.V.C. Headquarters on Wednesday, April 10. The Signals Company, one of the youngest in the Corps, plays a very important part in the scheme of S.V.C. operations by providing communication by means of telephones, despatch riders and visual signallers. Formed as recently as 1932, this Company has already earned the commendation of the authorities and is rapidly building traditions worthy of the honourable name of the Corps.

The loss of several valued members of the Company, who have left Shanghai during the past year, is to be regretted, but is compensated for by the splendid response received to the call for recruits. This response has been so good that the Company strength is now greater than at any time in its history. There is, however, room for more, especially men with cars or motor cycles for despatch rider work, although the possession of these accessories is not an essential qualification, and it is to be emphasized that no previous training of any kind is necessary since the Company staff is well qualified to train recruits in all branches of the work.

## More Nazi Propaganda Exposed

### Attempt to Discredit R.A.F. Raid on Sylt

German news agencies, with a view to discrediting the performance of the Royal Air Force in the raid made on Sylt on March 19, recently gave prominence to allegations that certain British air officers, notably Blomfield and Wood, were court martialled for giving false news concerning their flights over Germany.

These allegations were attributed by the Germans to reports appearing in the "Daily Mail." In this connection, the "Daily Mail" yesterday published the following statement:

"They lied again. No such report was ever published by the 'Daily Mail.' Nothing even faintly resembling it ever appeared in the 'Daily Mail,' which learns on the highest authority that no court martial of this description was ever held."

The Air Ministry confirms that there is no truth whatever in the German reports that British pilots were questioned by courts martial for having made false reports of alleged successes. No such courts were ever held. It is further authoritatively learnt that both officers whose names were mentioned were employed on ground duties and neither at any time during the war took part in active operations against the enemy.

The German allegations were clearly intended to offset the effectiveness of the R.A.F. raid on Sylt.


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# COMMERCE AND FINANCE

## Money and Exchange

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1940

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| £1 @ 4 3/16d. | | $ 58.63 |
| U.S. $100 @ 6 | | $1,666.67 |
| Francs | 301 | $100 |
| Yen | 25½ | 100 |
| Guilders | 11 1/16 | 100 |
| Rupees | 32⅜ | 100 |
| Pesos | 12 | 100 |
| Hongkong | $27⅜ | 100 |

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

| | |
|---|---|
| £1 @ 4 3/16d. | $ 57.31 |
| U.S. $100 @ 6 1/16 | $1,616.16 |
| London—demand, $1= | 4 3/16d. |
| 4 months' sight credits | 4 3/16d. |
| 4 months' sight docts | 4 3/16d. |
| 6 months' sight credits | 4 1/16d. |
| 6 months' sight docts | 4 1/16d. |
| New York—demand, $100= | U.S.$6 1/16 |
| 4 months' sight credits | U.S.$6 1/16 |
| 4 months' sight docts | U.S.$6 1/16 |

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sterling | 4 1/16d. | U.S. | $6 |
| Hongkong/London | | | 1/2⅜ |

WEI WAH DISCOUNT

Wei Wah $1,064.00 ..... C.N.$1,000.00

NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Netherlands Guilders | Buying | 11⅜ |
| Java Guilders | " | 11⅜ |
| Netherlands Guilders | Selling | 11⅜ |
| Java Guilders | " | 11⅛ |

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO., INC.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Buying | U.S.$100=$1,616.16 | £1=$57.313 |
| Selling | U.S.$100=$1,666.667 | £1=$56.625 |

ITALIAN BANK FOR CHINA

It. Lire 1.18=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.26¾=$1
Tourist Lire 1.42 ..... $1

BANQUE BELGE POUR L'ETRANGER

Belgas 0.35⅛=$1 Belgas 20.70=£1

HUA HSING COMMERCIAL BANK

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sterling Selling Rate @ | 6d | per | H.H.$ 1 |
| " Buying " @ | 5 15/16 | " | H.H.$ 1 |
| U.S.$ Selling " @ | 3 1/16 | " | H.H.$100 |
| " Buying " @ | 9 1/16 | " | H.H.$100 |
| Local $ (Fapi) selling @ | 1/4 | per | H.H.$100 |
| buying @ | 149 | " | H.H.$100 |

CUSTOMS OFFICIAL RATES FOR DUTY PAYMENTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Gold Unit 1.00—Hua Hsing | $2.708 |
| Gold Unit 1.00—Local Dollar | $4.035 |

## Local Exchange Report

*Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson*

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

| | Highest | Lowest |
|---|---|---|
| £ | 4⅛ | 4⅛ |
| U.S. G.$ | 5 15/16 | 6 |
| Yen | — | — |

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

| | SELLING | | BUYING |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash | | March | |
| £ T.T. | 4⅛ | 4 m/s. l.c. | 4⅛ |
| G.$ T.T. | 6 | 4 m/s. l.c. | 6⅛ |
| Fcs. T.T. | 301 | 4 m/s. | 316 |
| Rs. T.T. | 23¾ | 15 d/s. | 23¼ |

BAR SILVER

| | READY | FOR'D |
|---|---|---|
| Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas | 57.00 | — |
| Bombay offtake 30 bars. | | |

NEW YORK/LONDON CASH RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| New York closing Rate for Cash | 3.53¼ |
| Local sellers U.S.$ for Cash | 3.49 |
| Local buyers U.S.$ for Cash | 3.51 |

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4 3/32 sterling and 6.- U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with sellers for cash at 4⅛ sterling and 6 1/16 U.S.$ and for most of the morning was rather quiet and fairly steady. Towards noon and again in the afternoon heavy buying of U.S.$ by speculators for forward delivery caused a steady decline in rates, but the pegging of cash sterling and 4⅛ kept the spot rate rather steadier than forward. There was, however, not a heavy demand for support at this rate. The market closed with sellers at:—

| sterling | U.S.$ | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4⅛ | 6 | Cash | |
| 4 1/16 | 5 13/16 | Apr. small sellers | 5 13/16 |
| 3 31/32 | 5⅝ | May " " | 5 13/16 |

## Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

| | |
|---|---|
| Saigon rice per shih (176 lb.) | $44.00 |
| Cotton yn. 20's, D.H. p.b. Cash. | $1,085 |
| " " " Apr. | 1,100 |
| Tungchow cotton .. per picul | 211 |
| Wheat per picul (50 kilos) | $23.50 |
| Flour, local per bag (49lb.) | 13.80 |
| Flour, export per bag (49lb.) | 15.00 |
| Raw silk, Steamfil, Ex. B 13/15 | $5,400 |
| " " 20/22 | 4,950 |
| " " 20/22 78% | 5,050 |

## Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

| Apr. 1 | Bid Prices a.m. Closing | p.m. Closing |
|---|---|---|
| Atoks | .15 S | .15 S |
| Antamok | .11 | .115 S |
| Baguio Gold | .215 | .215 |
| Batong Buhay | .010 | .011 S |
| Benguet Consolidated .. | 5.40 * S | — |
| Big Wedge | .16 | .165 S |
| Coco Grove | .105 | .105 S |
| Consolidated Mines | .003 | .0035 S |
| Demonstration | .105 S | .105 S |
| East Mindanao | .0975 S | .0975 S |
| F X L | .335 S | .335 S |
| Ipo Gold | .0975 | .0975 |
| Itogon | .205 | .205 S |
| Masbate Consolidated .. | .065 | .065 S |
| Mine Operations | .0675 | .0625 |
| North Camarines | .04 | .045 |
| Paracale Gumaus | .18 | .18 S |
| San Mauricio | .67 S | .67 S |
| Surigao Consolidated .. | .18 | .18 |
| Suyoc | .125 S | .125 S |
| United Paracale | .22 | .225 S |
| Mindanao Motherlode .. | .065 | .065 |

*—Over counter.
S—Sales.

Turnover for the Morning: 88,700 Pesos.

Shares Index: (Morning Session) 65.89.
—Reuter.

## Shanghai Securities Ltd. Declare Dividend

At the annual general meeting of shareholders of Shanghai Securities Ltd. held on March 29, a resolution authorizing payment of a dividend of 20 cents per share in respect of the year ended December 31, 1939 was adopted. The balance standing at the credit of profit & loss account after deduction of the dividend, viz., $10,800.43, was carried forward to next year's account.

## Silver Quotations

London, Apr. 1.

Silver prices remained unchanged from Saturday. Quotations follow:—

| | Mar. 29 | Apr. 1 |
|---|---|---|
| London spot | 20 1/16d. | 20 1/16d. |
| " forward | 20½d. | 20 1/16d. |
| " gold | 168/- | 168/- |

—Reuter.

## Cross Rates

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| London/New York | U.S.$4.0350 | 59.478d. |
| New York/London | 3.53¼ | 67.94d. |

## Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The market was under the influence of tight money and selling pressure was in evidence throughout the day.

For a time considerable resistance was offered by most shares, particularly Wheelocks, Explorations, I.I. Trust and Loans, but toward the close the whole market gave ground, prices registering the lows of the day.

Rubber shares, despite easy exchange and prospects of many dividends coming out shortly, were also affected and all shares registered declines.

Official Averages

| 1940 High | 1940 Low | | Today's Average | Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 349.74 | 105.32 | General | 320.61 | — 2.03 |
| 475.35 | 95.55 | Rubbers | 383.13 | —10.67 |

Total 334,064 shares, 17,680 bonds.

Business Done

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| S. M. C. 5% Debs. | | †17000 | *76.00 |
| S. M. C. 5½% Debs. | | †248000 | 85.00 |
| F. M. C. 6% Debs. | | †395000 | 94.00 |
| Power 5½% Debs. | | 1100000 | *88.00 |
| 1000 | 88.00 | | |
| †2000 | 88.00 | | |
| S. M. C. 5% | | †5000 | 76.00 |
| I. I. Trust | 3000 25.00 | 4500 | 24.75 |
| 500 | *24.75 | | |
| †1500 | 24.75 3000 24.50 | 500 | *24.50 |
| 2500 | 24.25 | | |
| S'hai Loan | 2000 27.00 | 1500 | 26.75 |
| 500 | 26.50 500 *26.50 | 500 | *26.75 |
| 500 | 26.75 3000 26.50 | 1000 | 26.25 |
| 500 | *26.50 | | |
| †1000 | *26.00 500 *26.25 | 2000 | 26.00 |
| 1000 | 25.75 | | |
| Yangtsze Finance | | 3000 | 16.00 |
| 1000 | 15.90 500 15.80 | 3500 | 15.90 |
| 500 | *15.90 500 *16.00 | | |
| †2500 | 15.90 2000 15.70 | | |
| Central Prop. | | 200 | 17.50 |
| S'hai Securities | 2500 †6.30 | 1000 | †6.25 |
| 3500 | †6.20 2000 †6.25 | 7500 | §6.20 |
| †500 | §6.20 2500 6.15 | 500 | *6.15 |
| 1000 | 6.10 4000 6.15 | 2000 | 6.10 |
| 500 | *6.10 500 *6.05 | 500 | 6.10 |
| 500 | 6.05 | | |
| Int. Assurance | 500 14.00 | 500 | 13.80 |
| †500 | 13.60 1000 *13.50 | 500 | 13.60 |
| China Realty | 1500 7.90 | 500 | 7.65 |
| 1000 | 7.80 1000 7.85 | 2000 | 7.70 |
| 500 | 7.80 500 7.75 | 500 | 7.70 |
| †500 | *7.70 1000 7.65 | 500 | *7.70 |
| 500 | *7.65 500 7.65 | | |
| S'hai Land | 1000 14.90 | 500 | 14.80 |
| 500 | *14.90 500 *14.80 | 2000 | 14.80 |
| 500 | 14.90 | | |
| †2500 | 14.70 2000 *14.60 | 1000 | 14.70 |
| 500 | *14.70 3000 14.60 | 500 | *14.60 |
| Dockyards | 400 *38.50 | 300 | 38.25 |
| 200 | *38.50 1200 38.25 | 300 | 38.00 |
| 200 | *38.25 1800 38.00 | 100 | *38.25 |
| 300 | 38.25 3500 38.00 | 500 | *38.00 |
| †800 | 38.00 900 37.75 | 100 | *37.75 |
| 200 | *38.00 900 37.75 | 300 | *37.75 |
| 1200 | 37.50 100 *37.25 | 400 | 37.25 |
| 500 | 37.50 | | |
| Wheelock | 100§138.00 | 100§137.50 | |
| 400§138.50 | 100*§138.50 | 500§138.00 | |
| 200§137.00 | 100§137.50 | | |
| †200§137.00 | 200*137.50 | 400 | 137.50 |
| 300 | 137.00 500*136.50 | 200 | 136.50 |
| C. G. Omnibus | 300 30.00 | 100 | *30.00 |
| 400 | 29.75 100 30.00 | 300 | 29.75 |
| †1000 | 29.50 600 *29.50 | | |
| S'hai Gas | 1000 23.50 | 300 | 23.75 |
| 100 | 24.00 200 *23.75 | 200 | *24.00 |
| 800 | 23.75 | | |
| †400 | 23.50 100 23.25 | | |
| Telephone | 100 30.50 | 200 | 30.25 |
| 300 | 30.00 | | |
| †300 | 30.00 100 29.75 | 100 | *29.50 |
| Tram (Bearer) | £1 | 100 | *57.00 |
| †500 | 55.50 | | |
| Metal | 200 28.75 | 2500 | 28.50 |
| 100 | *28.50 | | |
| †300 | 28.50 1600 28.25 | 300 | *28.25 |
| 900 | 28.00 200 *28.00 | | |
| Kaiping | | 100 | 59.00 |
| †200 | 59.00 | | |
| Lumber | 100 52.50 | 200 | 53.00 |
| †100 | 53.00 100 *53.00 | 100 | *52.50 |
| 100 | 52.50 400 52.00 | 100 | *52.00 |
| Exploration | 1000 15.70 | 2500 | *15.70 |
| 500 | *15.80 2500 15.70 | 3000 | *15.70 |
| 6000 | 15.80 4000 15.50 | 500 | *15.50 |
| 1000 | *15.80 2000 *15.50 | 500 | 15.50 |
| 3000 | 15.80 4000 *15.60 | 500 | 15.70 |
| 1000 | *15.70 2500 15.60 | 500 | *15.60 |
| 2500 | 15.50 500 *15.40 | 500 | 15.40 |
| †500 | *15.40 500 *15.50 | 3000 | 15.40 |
| 1000 | *15.40 3500 15.30 | 2000 | 15.20 |
| 1500 | 15.10 4000 15.20 | 1000 | *15.10 |
| Power (Pref) | | †20 | 136.75 |
| Ewo Mills (Ord) | 700 46.00 | 500 | *46.00 |
| 400 | 45.75 100 *45.50 | 300 | 45.75 |
| 1000 | *46.00 200 46.00 | 700 | *45.75 |
| 1300 | 45.75 2000 45.50 | 400 | 45.75 |
| 400 | *45.50 100 45.50 | 1800 | 45.75 |
| 100 | *45.75 600 *45.50 | 600 | 45.75 |
| 400 | *45.75 300 45.50 | 100 | *45.50 |
| 1300 | *45.75 4900 45.75 | 300 | *46.00 |
| 2300 | 45.75 300 *45.75 | | |
| †1100 | 47.75 100 45.50 | 100 | *45.50 |
| 500 | 45.75 800 45.50 | 200 | 45.25 |
| 1100 | 45.50 100 *45.50 | 900 | 45.25 |
| 100 | *45.25 1500 45.50 | 500 | *45.50 |
| 2700 | 45.25 3200 45.00 | 300 | *45.00 |
| 400 | 44.75 100 *44.75 | | |
| S. W. W. Fittings | | †3000 | 4.30 |
| Alma | | 100 | *54.00 |
| Anglo Dutch | †100 26.50 | 100 | 26.25 |
| 100 | 25.75 100 *26.00 | | |
| Anglo Java | 100 45.50 | 900 | *45.25 |
| 200 | 46.00 100 *46.00 | | |
| †300 | 45.50 500 45.00 | 200 | *44.75 |
| 300 | 44.50 200 *44.50 | 200 | 44.75 |
| Cheng | 1000 1.14 | 2000 | 1.12 |
| 2000 | *1.14 1000 *1.12 | 4000 | 1.12 |
| 2000 | *1.10 | | |
| †1000 | 1.12 10000 1.10 | | |
| Java Consolidated | | †4000 | 6.00 |
| 1000 | 5.90 | | |
| Consolidated | | 500 | 11.60 |
| Kroewoek | 1000 3.70 | 1000 | 3.80 |
| †1000 | 3.75 3000 3.72½ | 3000 | 3.70 |
| Langkat | 600 33.25 | 200 | *33.25 |
| 100 | 33.50 200 33.25 | 1400 | 33.50 |
| 400 | 33.75 1100 33.50 | 200 | 33.25 |
| †500 | 33.25 100 33.00 | 100 | 32.75 |
| 200 | *33.00 400 32.75 | 100 | *32.75 |
| 500 | 32.50 | | |
| Repah | | 2000 | 2.00 |
| Rubber Trust | 1000 *12.80 | 1000 | 12.80 |
| †500 | 12.50 | | |
| Samagaga | | †1000 | 2.70 |
| Semambu | | †1000 | 2.05 |
| Senawang | | †2000 | 2.65 |
| Kelantan | 11000 1.26 | 1000 | *1.26 |
| †2000 | 1.24 | | |
| Tanah Merah | | †1000 | *4.70 |
| Tebong | 1000 *2.15 | 3000 | 2.15 |
| 3000 | 2.12½ 2000 *2.15 | 1000 | 2.15 |
| 1000 | *2.17½ 1000 2.15 | 2000 | 2.17½ |
| 1000 | *2.17½ | | |
| †6000 | *2.15 4000 2.16 | | |
| Ziangbe | 1000 35.00 | 300 | 35.50 |
| 200 | 35.75 | | |
| †400 | 34.75 700 *34.00 | | |
| Union Ins. | | 30 | Hk.$510.00 |
| H. & S. Bank | | 10 | 1,500.00 |
| Caldbeck Macg. (Ord) | | 200 | 26.50 |
| 200 | *26.00 | | |
| Union Brewery | | 500 | 10.80 |

ODD LOTS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ewo Mills (Ord) | | 50 | 46.00 |
| †50 | 46.25 | | |
| Exploration | 220 15.60 | 10 | *15.40 |
| 2 | 15.40 200 *15.50 | 300 | 15.60 |
| †400 | 15.30 | | |
| China Realty | 200 7.90 | 50 | 7.65 |
| Power (Pref) | 7*137.25 | 1 | 137.25 |
| S. & H. Wharf | | 10 | 450.00 |
| S. W. W. Fittings | | 500 | *4.60 |
| †234 | 4.10 | | |
| S'hai Loan | | 10 | 26.00 |
| †200 | *26.50 | | |
| Langkat | | 10 | 33.00 |
| S'hai Land | 50 15.00 | 100 | *14.70 |
| 200 | 14.70 | | |
| I. I. Trust | | †150 | 24.50 |
| Union Brewery | | †100 | 11.00 |
| Lumber | | †50 | 53.00 |
| Rubber Trust | | †300 | 12.70 |

*—Direct Business.
†—Afternoon Business.
‡—C.D.
§—X.D.

## Electricity Output In the U.S.

New York, Mar. 27.

Production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended March 23 totalled 2,424,000,000 kilowatt hours, according to the weekly statement of the Edison Electric Institute, which was published today.

This indicated a gain of 10.3 per cent. over the corresponding week of last year, when the output totalled 2,199,000,000 kilowatt hours.

Electricity output during the previous week totalled 2,460,000,000 kilowatt hours, showing an increase of 10.6 per cent. over the corresponding week of last year.—Reuter.

# Near East Oil Control Fight

### Area is Said to Have Output Adequate For All Powers in European War

RECENT developments in the European war show clearly that a determined fight is in the offing for control of the enormous oil resources of the Near East. Including Russia, that area at present has a daily output of around 1,000,000 barrels of crude oil, a supply adequate for all the warring powers. Although the oil is more important to Germany and Russia than to the Allies, its denial to either side might well be the determining factor in the outcome of the war, says J. H. Carmical in the "New York Times" of February 25.

At present the struggle for petroleum is centred in Rumania, where both Germany and the Allies are using all forces short of war to obtain oil supplies. Since the Allies still control the seas, Rumanian oil supplies are not vital to them. In the case of Germany, however, it is reported that the Reich's representatives have informed the Rumanian Government that Rumanian oil supplies are "a case of life or death."

**Rumanian Oil**

A few weeks ago, when the pressure on Rumania became severe, the Rumanian Government formed a commission to control all oil exports. The commission soon agreed on quotas to the belligerents. The quota assigned to Germany for 1940 was roughly 30 per cent. of total exports. With about 75 per cent. of Rumanian oil production controlled by British and French capital, such an arrangement was not acceptable to the Allies. Soon both Britain and France started putting the economic screws on Rumania and stopped virtually all exports from the Allies to Rumania.

**Attempt at Placation**

In an apparent attempt to placate the Allies, Rumania last week placed a ban on the shipment of high-grade gasoline to the Reich. This resulted in the Reich's sending another negotiator to Rumania to insist on the full delivery of the 1940 quota. Further to complicate the picture, the Italian Government is attempting to negotiate a three-cornered arrangement through which both Germany and Italy would be able to get Rumanian oil.

Because of Italy's strategic position in the Mediterranean, the situation, so far as Rumania is concerned, is more muddled than ever. In any conflict in the Near East in which Italy might become involved in opposition to Britain and France, Rumania offers about the only important source of oil supplies. Even if the Dardanelles should be closed, Rumanian oil could be transported up the Danube River and thence by rail to Italy.

Most of the oil now going to Great Britain and France comes from the Near East. It is estimated that this movement at present amounts daily to around 250,000 barrels, all moved through the Mediterranean. In view of the fact that Italy, if she decided to enter the war on Germany's side, might prevent such movement, the importance of Italy in the negotiations now going on with Rumania is apparent.

**Supply From Near East**

Excluding Russia, the Allies now have available to them about 400,000 barrels of crude oil daily from the Near East. In Iran the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, controlled by the British Government, has an output of 225,000 barrels daily and a refinery capable of processing that amount of oil daily at the head of the Persian Gulf. While this oil could be moved around Africa to England, it would require probably three times as many tankers as now. With a much longer sea route to protect and a shortage of tankers, the transport difficulties might be such that Britain would find it cheaper to turn to South America and the United States for oil supplies.

Great Britain and France are obtaining, in addition, 84,000 barrels of crude oil daily from Iraq. This oil first is moved through a pipe line to two terminals on the Mediterranean and then transshipped in tankers. Rumania has about 100,000 barrels daily of oil products for export. Deducting the 30 per cent. allocated to the Reich, the Allies have a potential supply of about 70,000 barrels daily from that source. All oil to the Allies from Rumania and Iraq, however, must be moved through the Mediterranean.

**Russian Oil**

The importance of Russian oil in the present conflict is to a certain extent an unknown factor, largely because of the lack of transportation facilities. Reports have been current that the Reich and Russia have been considering construction of a pipe line from the Russian fields through the former Polish oil district to the Reich. Such a line would take several months to construct and in addition would require several thousand tons of steel.

Indications are, however, that Russia is making a determined effort to increase her oil output. Last week it was reported that the Soviet had bought forty drilling rigs here at a total cost of $2,200,000 from one concern and five additional rigs from another company. It was reported also that the Soviet had placed orders here for several million dollars of refinery equipment. In view of the attitude of the United States Government, shipment of these orders to the Soviet is considered doubtful.

**Production**

Russia last year produced 223,000,000 barrels of oil, or a daily average of of 610,000. Domestic consumption amounted to 170,600,000 barrels and exports were about 4,500,000, leaving about 48,000,000 to be added to stocks which at the beginning of 1939 were estimated to be in excess of 100,000,000 barrels.

Russian purchases of oil from the Pacific Coast of the United States last year amounted to about 800,000 barrels of gasoline, none of which was high octane suitable for aviation fuel. Since 1936 Russia has been buying gasoline for shipment to Vladivostok; in 1938 these purchases amounted to 1,200,000 barrels. At the beginning of last year they were stopped coincident with beginning of the movement of gasoline from refineries in Ufa, Siberia, to the Far East. The refineries, however, did not at first give the expected results and in June, 1939, negotiations were started for buying supplies from the United States for Siberia.

In August last orders were placed with three companies on the Pacific Coast for twelve cargoes of gasoline. The first cargo was shipped late in August and the last on January 12. Since then no inquiry has been received from Russia by either of the three companies for any further supplies.

In September the Russians made inquiries here for aviation gasoline but were unable to obtain any. On or about November 15, however, they were said to have received a proffer of a cargo of aviation fuel, but, after the offer had been submitted to Moscow, it was refused.

**Refining Problems**

The main problem of Russia is not lack of crude oil but a shortage of refining facilities. In addition, the present plants are not up-to-date. Whether Russia will be able to correct this situation by obtaining equipment from Germany remains to be seen.

The belief in oil circles here is that Germany will become more important in the development of the oil resources of Russia, at least during the present war. According to reports, Russia has turned over to German management all the oil properties received by the Soviet in the partition of Poland.

## C.C. Development Co. Annual Meeting

### Dividend of 4.5% Declared Net Profit of Y.618,000

Tokyo, Mar. 31.

Shareholders of the semi-Governmental Central China Development Company today approved a directors' proposal for the distribution of a 4.5 per cent. per annum dividend for the calendar year 1939.

Convened in their second annual meeting since the inception of the firm, the shareholders also voted in favour of accepting the resignation of Mr. Kiyoshi ("Tiger") Kanai, well-known Shanghai figure, who was elected a director at the time of the company's founding.

Mr. Tsunao Soejima, also formerly a Shanghai business man, who is now a director of the Osaka Stock Exchange, was elected Mr. Kanai's successor.

Mr. Kenji Kodama, governor of the firm, was entrusted by the shareholders with determining the sum of honorarium to be granted Mr. Kanai upon his resignation and to present the family of the late Mr. Nanzo Kushida with a monetary gift as a token of esteem for the deceased.

The company, during 1939, made a net profit of Y.618,000, to which was added Y.17,000 bought over from the previous year.

This sum was distributed as follows: legal reserve Y.62,000; superannuation fund 6,000; dividends to shareholders (shares held by the Government excepted) Y.562,000, carried over to next year Y.5,000.

The policy of the firm, it was understood, would remain unaffected by the inauguration of the reorganized National Government of China in Nanking on March 30, this administration taking over the investments made by the Reformed Government in such CCDC subsidiaries as the Shanghai Real Estate and the Central China Railways.

The subsidiaries of the CCDC, being joint Sino-Japanese enterprises incorporated under the laws of the Reformed Government, will automatically be placed under the supervision of the Nanking National Government upon the latter's inauguration.—Domei.

## Tin Now Cheaper In Terms of Dollars

London, Mar. 31.

As tin is cheaper in terms of dollars than tte pre-war price, it is possible that steps may be taken to raise the price by a further reduction of the quota, declares the "Manchester Guardian" city columnist in commenting on the rapid cheapening price of the metal.

It is also pointed out that, while a passing setback was expected following the new exchange regulations, United States buyers could not be restrained for long by having to pay slightly more dollars for purchases, as the bulk of supplies comes from British territories.

Nevertheless, new buying in the United States has been considerably smaller than the quantities currently used, thus indicating that consumers have been using their limited stocks, most of which have been bought at higher prices, rather than taking advantage of the present cheapness for replacement purchases.

The writer suggests that the only plausible motive for this action is the expectation of a substantial reduction in consumption in the near future.—Reuter.

## Manchoukuo To Increase Farming Products

Tokyo, Mar. 31.

Staple products in Manchoukuo will be increased by 50,000,000 tons by 1950 if a 10-year plan for the increase of agricultural products is carried out, according to information reaching here today.

Preparations to put the plan into effect were made recently at a conference of provincial governors, and each province has been sent instructions on starting the plan this year.—Domei.

## U.S. Car Loadings

New York, Mar. 30.

Car loadings in the United States for the week ended March 23 totalled 620,000 cars, according to the weekly report of the Association of American Railroads, which was issued today. This indicated an increase of 15,000 cars compared with the corresponding period of last year, and of 1,000 cars compared with the figure for last week.

Loadings for the corresponding period of the previous year totalled 605,000 cars and for the week ended March 16, 619,000 cars.—Reuter.

## *Big Deal in Power Co. Debentures*

At yesterday morning's session of the Shanghai Stock Exchange a big direct business deal, amounting to $1,100,000 in Shanghai Power Co., 5½ per cent. debentures was made. This is the largest single deal ever made in these debentures.

## Manchoukuo Car Industry Booms

### Owing Shortage in Japan; Difficulties of Getting More Supplies from Abroad

Tokyo, Mar. 31.

The increasing difficulty of securing motorcars, trucks and spare parts from abroad may be a blessing in disguise for the Manchoukuo automobile industry, according to the "Asahi," for it will give the needed stimulus to bring the country's industrialization plans from the stage of blue-prints and experiments to that of economic reality.

The progress will be the easier as a large organization has already been set up for the manufacture of automobiles. This had few results to show to date, however, as lack of materials had prevented large-scale activity.

Production of automobiles and trucks in Manchoukuo was always considered important because of the vast expanses of land to be covered, the pioneer character of economic enterprise there, and, last but not least, for their role in the defence of the country, which faces the highly motorized forces of the Soviet Union.

Negotiations are now said to be under way between officials of Japan and Manchoukuo on plans to increase automobile production. The main need is to have more of the available raw materials assigned to the automobile industry of Manchoukuo. The principle on which these talks are based is regional self-sufficiency. That is, automobiles to be used in Manchoukuo should be made there while automobiles for use in Japan should be produced in that country. Manchoukuo, it is held, should be defendent on auto and spare parts imports from either non-yen-block or yen-block countries.

Moreover, authoritative quarters hope to launch this industry without foreign capital.—Havas.

## Japanese Company to Float Bonds Here

### Funds for Development Of China Sought

Tokyo, Mar. 31.

Seeking new funds to carry out its extensive economic rehabilitation programme in the Yangtze Valley, the Central China Development Company, a Japanese holding concern in numerous joint Sino-Japanese public utility and industrial firms established after the Sino-Japanese conflict, will float Y20,000,000 in debentures early in April, the Industrial Bank of Japan announced today.

The issue, the first to be undertaken by the firm, will be guaranteed by the Japanese Government. Out of Y20,000,000, the banks announcement said, Y7,500,000 will be absorbed by governmental institutions, while the banking syndicate underwriting the issue will subscribe to Y5,500,000 worth of bonds, leaving Y7,000,000 open to the public.

The debentures will carry 4.2 per cent. interest per annum and will be placed on sale from April 8 to April 10 at Y99.50 for Y100 face value. Redemption will be carried out from April 22, 1942, semi-annually in lots of Y300,000 or more, so that the entire issue will be repaid by April 19, 1952.—Domei.

## Singapore Weekly Rubber Report

Singapore, Mar. 21.

There has been a decline in values since last reporting but at no stage has there been any marked weakness in the market. A fair volume of business has been transacted during the week, and the undertone is steady.

U.S.A. figures of consumption continue to be satisfactory and the New York market reports mild activity due to trade and speculative interest. London eased off early in the week but during the last few days has been quite steady.

The local market has been quiet throughout the week, with a fair enquiry from Japanese buyers. At time of writing the market is dull, latest quotations being as follows:—

Spot 37⅛ cents, down 5/8 cent.
London 11 3/16d., down 1/16d.
New York 18 7/16 U.S.A. cents, down 3/16 U.S.A. cent.

Full particulars of U.S.A. statistics for last month are as follows:—

| | Feb. 1940 | Jan. 1940 | Feb. 1939 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Stock on last day of month | 148,800 | 156,800 | 231,500 |
| Afloat on last day of month | 112,300 | 90,300 | 55,800 |
| Consumption | 49,800 | 55,000 | 42,400 |
| Consumption of Reclaimed Rubber | 17,000 | 17,600 | 12,600 |

At the auctions yesterday, demand was moderate. Of 528 tons catalogued, 493 tons were offered and 327 tons sold.

The following is the course of values:—

In Singapore per lb.

| | |
|---|---|
| Ribbed Smoked Sheet | |
| Standard quality | 37 —37⅛ |
| Fair average quality | 35⅜—36⅛ |
| Good average quality | 36¼—36⅞ |
| Off quality | 34¼—35¼ |
| Sheet Cuttings | 33¼—34⅜ |
| Crepe | |
| Fine quality Pale | No Sales |
| Standard and slightly inferior | 35⅛ |
| Off-colour Latex | 34 —34¾ |
| Light Brown and Brown (Clean) | 34¼—34½ |
| Milling Grades | |
| Cupwashings and skimmings | 32¼—34⅛ |
| Tree Scrap | 27¾—31⅛ |
| Brown and Dark Crepe | 31⅜—34⅛ |
| Bark Crepe (Earth Rubber) | No Sales |
| Virgin Lump | 29⅝—31⅛ |

## Brokers Loans By F.R.S.

New York, Mar. 30.

Loans on security to brokers in New York by the reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System for the week ended March 27, totalled $467,000,000, showing a decrease of $144,000,000 compared with the corresponding period of last year.

Loans to brokers during the preceding week were given as $485,000,000, or $18,000,000 more than the amount recorded for the period under review.—Reuter.

## Fear Loss of Trade To British Barter

### Traders in America Point To Move for Deal as Sign Of Growing Trend

Fear that England is rapidly moving into a world trade position similar to that occupied by Germany and her barter agreements prior to the war was voiced in foreign trade quarters in New York recently as British attempts to conclude a clearing agreement with Spain were discussed. Under terms of the treaty sought by England, products from all parts of the British Empire would be imported by Spain in exchange for raw materials England needs for war purposes, says Charles E. Egan in the "New York Times."

Sterling balances that Spain ordinarily accumulates in her trade with England would be applied to releasing the $20,000,000 to $25,000,000 in commercial balances tied up in Spain since the outbreak of the civil war or to the purchase of English-made goods.

**Held Indicative of Policy**

The trend of British negotiations with Spain, where she is in an extremely favourable bargaining position, are regarded by exporters as indicative of the trade policies to be followed in other world markets which are of more importance to American exporters than Spain.

In commenting on these proposals recently, foreign traders explained that part of the sterling balances acquired by Spain in the past were spent in the United States for manufactured goods. With Franco's government in desperate need of exchange for rehabilitating the country, the loss of sterling balances would remove Spain definitely from the list of American markets, they said, Franco has already concluded a balanced trade agreement with France under which oranges, iron ore, pyrites, mercury, lead and zinc are being exchanged for wheat and other grains, phosphates, automobiles and miscellaneous manufactured items.

Automobile manufacturers here expect to feel the pinch of the barter trade arrangements in the near future. They were endeavouring to confirm reports that the Franco Government already has taken control over all automotive imports and will dictate not only the number and types of cars to be imported but will fix the prices at which they are to be sold. With such powers, it was held, France could manipulate the internal market to conform to any barter deals made with other nations. It was predicted that similar control soon would be assumed over all types of foreign-made products.

**See Barter Pound Plan Ready**

In markets closer to American interests than Spain the suspicion that England is planning to utilize blocked pounds in her dealings with Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay and other countries persists among foreign traders despite frequent denials. Exporters are convinced that the framework for barter pounds has already been set up in England and that when the time appears right Britain will announce that sterling balances, acquired by Argentina and other nations enjoying favourable trade balances with her, must be spent within the empire for British goods. The proposals, it is argued, will be sugar-coated by attractive pricing of finished goods with which United States manufacturers compete.

In Cuba, where England has suspended tobacco purchases as she has in the United States, pressure to find a means by which the British trade can be revived is building up, and talk of a clearing agreement has been heard. In Peru the cessation of long-staple cotton purchases by England has had a serious effect and that market may be ripe for a trade deal in the future, although no reports along that line have been heard yet, exporters said.

## Bombay Cotton Market

Bombay, Mar. 30.

Early selling on Calcutta account on the Bombay cotton market during the past week was a disturbing influence.

The widening spread between Broach, April/May and July/August, reflects fear of tenders on April 1, as well as a little more confidence in the distant outlook.

Futures received a severe shaking, while operators adopted a cautious attitude, as factors, which were acceptable a few months ago, are now no longer convincing to a point in inducing purchases.

Meanwhile, there is little in the immediate outlook that is encouraging.

While large lines have been booked with France, the Far East has been obstinately silent.—Reuter.

## Japanese Govt. Bonds

Osaka, Apr. 1.

Kogo 5% ..... Y.106.25

—Reuter.


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| ss. DAIREN MARU ..... | Apr. 11 | Apr. 12 at 11 a.m. |
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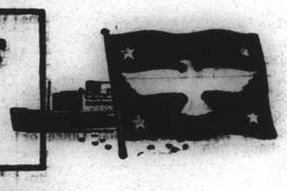

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## VESSELS ARRIVING TO-DAY

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From NEW YORK: Peter Maersk, with mail, due 8 a.m., Old Ningpo Wharf. Passengers expected at Customs Jetty about 9 a.m.

## DUE AT FUTURE DATES

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

### EUROPE AND STRAITS

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| From ROTTERDAM | | | From SOURABAYA | | |
| Abbekerk | — | 3/4 | Tjinegara | 22/3 | 8/4 |
| From GENOA | | | From BATAVIA | | |
| India | 29/2 | 6/5 | Tjinegara | 26/3 | 8/4 |
| From TRIESTE | | | From MANILA | | |
| Monte Piana | 20/1 | 4/4 | Pres. Taft | 25/3 | 3/4 |
| Conte Verde | 8/3 | 4/4 | Tjinegara | 31/3 | 8/4 |
| Volpi | 27/2 | 17/4 | From HONGKONG | | |
| Carignano | 25/2 | 22/4 | See "China Ports" below | | |
| From SINGAPORE | | | | | |
| Conte Verde | 27/3 | 4/4 | | | |

### AMERICA AND JAPAN

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| From NEW YORK | | | From SAN FRANCISCO | | |
| Reinholt | 27/1 | 3/4 | Tatuta M. | 27/3 | 21/4 |
| G'trude Maersk | 26/2 | 14/4 | From SEATTLE | | |
| Dona Aniceta | — | 15/4 | West Cuseta | 18/3 | 9/4 |
| Memphis City | — | 20/4 | Crown City | 30/3 | 21/4 |
| Titania | 14/3 | 21/4 | From HONOLULU | | |
| Grete Maersk | 11/3 | 28/4 | Tatuta Maru | 1/4 | 21/4 |
| Sagoland | — | 30/4 | From YOKOHAMA | | |
| Hulda Maersk | 22/3 | 6/5 | Asama Maru | 29/3 | 7/4 |
| From PANAMA | | | From NAGASAKI | | |
| Hulda Maersk | 1/4 | 6/5 | Nagasaki Maru | 2/4 | 3/4 |
| From LOS ANGELES | | | | | |
| Asama M. | 11/3 | 7/4 | | | |
| G'trude Maersk | 19/3 | 14/4 | | | |
| Tatuta M. | 25/3 | 21/4 | | | |
| Grete Maersk | 1/4 | 26/4 | | | |
| Pres. Coolidge | 1/4 | 6/5 | | | |

*(Continued in next column)*

## VESSELS SAILING

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| For LONDON | | For NEW YORK | |
| Delagoa Maru | 20/4 | Laura Maersk | 2/4 |
| Durban Maru | 1/5 | Azuma Maru | 6/4 |
| For LIVERPOOL | | Reinholt | 6/4 |
| Haruna Maru | 15/4 | Akagi Maru | 12/4 |
| For GENOA | | N. Maersk | 16/4 |
| Abbekerk | 5/4 | Dona Aniceta | 19/4 |
| For TRIESTE | | Titania | 22/4 |
| Monte Piana | 4/4 | Peter Maersk | 2/5 |
| C. Verde | 7/4 | Kinai Maru | 7/5 |
| For COLOMBO | | Gertrude Maersk | 16/5 |
| Tokiwa Maru | 9/4 | For San FRANCISCO | |
| For BOMBAY | | Pres. Taft | 3/4 |
| Onoe Maru | 4/4 | Asama Maru | 8/4 |
| Nagato Maru | 7/4 | Tatuta Maru | 28/4 |
| For CAPETOWN | | For SEATTLE | |
| Tegelberg | 22/4 | West Cuseta | 13/4 |
| For JAVA | | Crown City | 24/4 |
| Tjisadane | 4/4 | For KOBE | |
| Tjinegara | 11/4 | Kasima Maru | 14/4 |
| For HONGKONG | | For NAGASAKI | |
| Tatuta Maru | 22/4 | Shanghai Maru | 2/4 |
| For MANILA | | Nagasaki Maru | 4/4 |
| P. Maersk | 5/4 | For DAIREN | |
| Gertrude Maersk | 15/4 | Tsingtao Maru | 2/4 |
| Nitta Maru | 1/5 | Dairen Maru | 5/4 |
| | | Tsingtao Maru | 9/4 |
| | | Dairen Maru | 12/4 |
| | | Hoten Maru | 12/4 |
| | | Tsingtao Maru | 16/4 |
| | | Dairen Maru | 19/4 |

## DUE AT FUTURE DATES (Continued)

### AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

| From CAPETOWN | | | From MOMBASA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tegelberg | 13/3 | 20/4 | Tegelberg | 31/3 | 20/4 |

### CHINA PORTS

| From DAIREN | | | From HONGKONG | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dairen Maru | 2/4 | 4/4 | Pres. Taft | 28/3 | 3/4 |

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| Lipari | T'lungkong | C.F.P.K. |
| Tsingtao M. | Dairen | D.K.K. |
| Talien | Tsungming | Wan Woo |
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| Armilla | Neth. | A.P.C. |
| City of Dalhart | Am. | A.P.L. |
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| Koga M. | Jap. | D.K.K. |
| Norse Trader | Pan. | Wallem |
| Tachang M. | Jap. | T.K.K. |
| Somerville | Nor. | O. Thoresen |

### Men-of-War in Port

| Name | Flag | Type | Berthed |
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| D. de Lagree | Fr. | Gbt. | K.S.D. |
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A levée is a reception, held two or three times a year, by the Sovereign for men only, the corresponding function for women being a drawing-room. Levées are held in the daytime, generally in the forenoon. At them are presented to the King persons who have been appointed to offices of various kinds, officers of the Navy, Army and Air Force on promotion, and other approved persons, who, for social or other reasons, desire this honour.

This ceremony is carried out in countries other than Great Britain, the French President using the word reception instead of levée. This is rather a curious fact, since the term is derived from France, from the French word *lever*, to rise. In the days when there was a monarchy in France, the King, during the elaborate ritual of rising from bed, was accustomed to receive nobles and others.

Almost invariably, when the Court is in residence in London, the levée is held at St. James's Palace, whence the King drives from Buckingham Palace, with a Royal escort of Household Cavalry.

**The King on a Dais**

Persons who are to be presented file before the King, who is seated on a dais in the Presence Chamber, after they have been rigidly scrutinized by a functionary at the entrance door, to make sure that they are correctly attired.

At one time it was necessary to remove the glove from the right hand, but this was when the late King Edward VII was Prince of Wales, and he not infrequently shook hands with those he knew. After he ascended the Throne, the practice was discontinued because more ceremony was observed.

Levées are also held at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, in Edinburgh, when the Court is in residence in the Scottish capital, while Governors-General of the Dominions and Colonies and the Viceroy of India hold levées in the King's name.

The environs of St. James's Palace present a colourful sight during the progress of a levée, with the comings and goings of Service officers, in the full-dress uniforms of their rank; Lords Lieutenants of counties, with plumed headgear and scarlet tunics; Mayors, their chains of office glittering in the sunshine, and legal luminaries, wearing snowy full-bottomed wigs, delicate lace ruffles at their wrists and velvet knee-breeches and silk stockings.

## Art Treasures of The East

Although some of the finest and rarest examples of Chinese arts and crafts in the world-renowned collection formed by the late George Eumorfopoulos were acquired for the nation, at an outlay of £100,000, in 1935 the array was by no means depleted, says Mr. A. C. R. Carter in the "Daily Telegraph."

Indeed, at his death in December, the collector left numerous art treasures, not only illustrating the great productive periods of Chinese ceramic art, but those of Persian and Islamic origin.

In addition, there were many magnificent pieces of Italian sculpture, needle-work and glass, and rare specimens of Limoges enamels, Palissy figures and choice faience.

All these must now be dispersed—such are the exigencies of death duties. Accordingly Sotheby's have received instructions from Mrs. Eumorfopoulos and the executors to prepare a fully illustrated catalogue for an early sale.

The date is to be fixed later to give ample time to American collectors to examine this catalogue, and then to be represented at the forthcoming dispersal by adequate commissions.

The great national museums in America, indeed, should be alive to this opportunity, as, perforce, the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum will have no Parliamentary grants for further additions.

## CHINA'S SKIES FOR APRIL

5.—Mercury in conjunction with Moon, 9 p.m. M. 4° S.
8.—An annular eclipse of the Sun., 4th 23 a.m.
9.—Saturn in conjunction with Moon, 10 a.m. S. 1° S.
11.—Jupiter in conjunction with Sun.
11.—Venus in conjunction with Mars, 8h. a.m. V. 2° 12' N.
12.—Venus in conjunction with Moon, 3h. a.m. V. 7° N.
12.—Mars in conjunction with Moon, 3h. a.m. M. 5° N.
12.—Mercury at greatest Elongation 28° W.
17.—Venus at greatest elongation 46° E.
24.—Saturn in conjunction with Sun.

**Constellations at 9 p.m.**

In the north, Ursa Major is above the Polaris, and begins to pass the meridian; Ursa Minor and Draco are east, Cassiopeia and Perseus west. In the east, Hercules and Serpens are rising; Corona is well up, Bootes (Arcturus) is midway, and Canes Venatici approaching the meridian. Along the Ecliptic, Libra is rising, Virgo midway, Leo is on the Meridian, Cancer is past, Gemini midway Taurus nearing the horizon. In the south, stretching east and west of the meridian is Rydra, with the Crater and the Corvus a little east. In the southwest, are Cor Hydrae, Canis Major (Sirius) and Canis Minor, while Orion is just setting in the west. In the northwest, above Taurus and Perseus is Auriga (Capella). The Milky Way is about midway between the meridian and the western horizon, and nearly parallel to the latter.

PHASES OF THE MOON

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8.—New Moon | 4.18 | a.m. |
| 15.—First Quarter | 9.46 | p.m. |
| 22.—Full Moon | 0.37 | p.m. |
| 29.—Last Quarter | 3.49 | p.m. |
| 5.—Moon in Apogee | 5 | p.m. |
| 21.—Moon in Perigee | 3 | a.m. |

RISING AND SETTING OF MOON

| Rises | Souths | Sets |
|---|---|---|
| 5.— 4.08 a.m. | 10.00 a.m. | 4.13 p.m. |
| 10.— 7.00 a.m. | 1.46 p.m. | 8.43 p.m. |
| 15.—11.07 a.m. | 6.03 p.m. | 0.08 a.m. |
| 20.— 4.29 p.m. | 10.35 p.m. | 3.31 a.m. |
| 25.— 9.53 p.m. | 2.22 a.m. | 7.48 a.m. |
| 30.— 0.58 a.m. | 6.38 a.m. | 9.22 p.m. |

RISING AND SETTING OF SUN

| Rises | Equat. of time | Sets |
|---|---|---|
| 7.—5.43 | Add 2 min. 20 sec. | 6.21 |
| 14.—5.36 | Add 0 min. 27 sec. | 6.25 |
| 21.—5.27 | Subt. 1 min. 11 sec. | 6.30 |
| 28.—5.20 | Subt. 2 min. 38 sec. | 6.35 |

**Aspects of Principal Planets**

Mercury is a morning star, rising east by south at first, and later east by north. It moves from Aquarius into Pisces, and enters on the 22nd into the northern hemisphere. It will be at greatest elongation, 28°, on the 12th, and then may be visible to the naked eye. Souths on 1st at 10.36 a.m.; on 16th at 10.23 a.m.

Venus crosses the constellation Taurus and passes on the 2nd south of the Pleiades and the 14th north of Aldebaran. On the 17th at greatest elongation 46°; magnitude —3.8° to — 4°.1. Souths on 1st at 2.49 p.m.; on 16th at 2.56 p.m.

Mars is in the western sky during the evening, in the middle of the month it will be some degrees above Aldebaran. It is now fainter than that star in half a magnitude. It continues to remove from the Earth. Souths on the 1st at 3.11 p.m.: on 16th at 2.54 p.m.

Jupiter, being in conjunction with the Sun on the 11th is practically invisible to the naked eye. Souths on 1st at 0.35 p.m.; on 16th at 11.50 a.m.

Saturn being also in conjunction with the Sun, is equally invisible during this month. Souths on 1st at 1.23 p.m.; on 16th at 0.31 p.m.

Uranus moves now near the extremity of the constellation Aries and enters next month into Taurus. Souths on 1st at 2.32 p.m.; on 16th at 1.36 p.m.

Neptune, moving retrograde near the eastern limit of the constellation Leo will be visible the greater part of the night even in a small telescope. Souths on 1st at 10.59 p.m.; on 16th at 9.59 p.m.

**Annual Eclipse of Sun**

There will be an annular eclipse of the sun, April 8 (Shanghai time), invisible in Asia, visible generally. In the eastern Pacific Ocean, East Polynesia, the extreme northern coast of New Zealand, the whole of North America except Alaska, the Arctic Islands and the northern part of Greenland, Central America and the northwestern part of South America (Columbia, Venvzuela and Guiana), and the western Atlantic Ocean.

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|---|---|---|
| Eclipse begins | 1 | 17.4 |
| Central Eclipse begins | 2 | 25.6 |
| Central Eclipse at apparent noon | 4 | 28.6 |
| Central Eclipse ends | 6 | 26.1 |
| Eclipse ends | 7 | 24.3 |

A wholesale prison jailbreak has been filmed for Columbia Pictures' "Men Without Souls" without a gun in sight of the cameras. The break was staged at Columbia's ranch, where a replica of a famous penitentiary has been built for the picture. As censorship rules prohibit the filming of weapons in the hands of convicts, Director Nick Grinde obtained his jailbreak effect by shadows and secret camera tricks.

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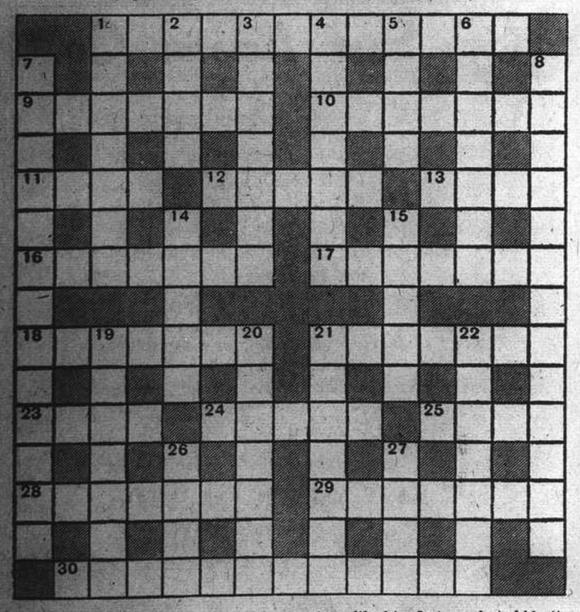

**ACROSS**

1 Machine-turning comes in his turn (two words)
9 Animal with a ball on its nose, as often as not!
10 Do I continue in emotion?
11 Rendezvous of society climbers
12 A bird battle with full force
13 Surely a mistake, he should be her everything
16 A Briton may stand by and see it carved up without shame
17 One of the experts on edge?
18 "Ah! it is too much" is possibly one of his favourite remarks
21 Motoring episode suggests a grand golfer
23 Labour has the means of reducing friction
24 Make a stand, all in
25 A bit of useless lumber, from the hygienic point of view
28 Result of appeal to the umpire?
29 When the pheasants are plentiful this may become this beheaded
30 Where has fled the chance of the bridge player with a big hand, left in with his first modest bid (two words)

**DOWN**

1 Gin may mean his livelihood to him
2 Exists twofold in watery guise
3 A twig on the family tree
4 The middle is in Scotland, but this is not confined to Aberdeens or Skyes
5 Missing from the contents of the auction room
6 Take your pay, take what you want for tips from it, and—finish!
7 I keep two idiots away from the race; simply killing, isn't it!
8 A pat on the back possibly
14 Stone evidently the right way up
15 This may be over the bishop
19 This takes some chewing
20 No sort of job for one with a live brain
21 Garment that in part belongs to a prophet
22 Has the heart of a limb, and is 'agin the law
26 Make game of a famous Venetian
27 That's where you lie!

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